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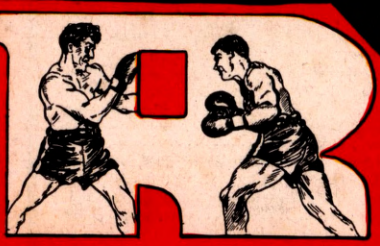

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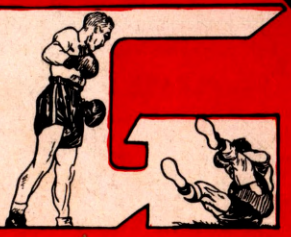

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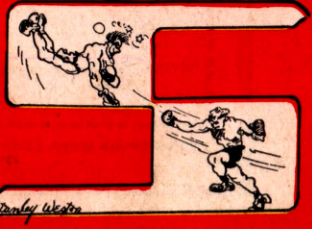

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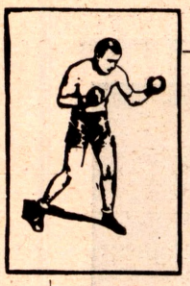

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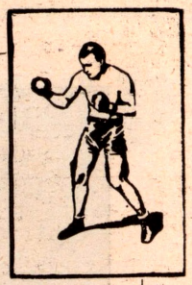

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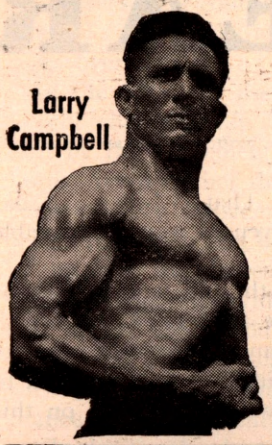

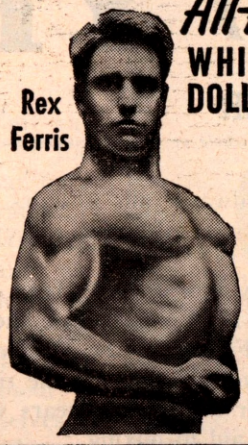

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CHARLES NAMED FIGHTER of YEAR

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BOXING in 1949 certainly was not what it was before the war. But then, no other professional or amateur sport in this or any other country yet has been able to overcome the repercussions of the conflict.

It has become something of a habit in the press to derogate boxing, and to place it in a position of allegedly vast inferiority.

However, there are evidences of emphatic progress in the past year, and a pleasant heading in the direction of recovery.

If certain boxing clubs from Boston to San Diego have been forced to retire from the field, it is perhaps just as well. There still is a process of weeding out, and when that is completed, both as to fighting personnel, managers and promoters, the game will be in a position to move ahead with pride and direction.

Not even in the heavyweight division is boxing so completely backward as some would make it out to be.

Certainly there is no new Joe Louis in the offing. However, if we look backward, we will find evidences of despair in the wake of the decline of all top flight heavyweight performers.

BOXING cried bitterly when Jim Jeffries retired, and declared his title open to competition between Jack Root and Marvin Hart.

The trade moaned poignantly when Jack Johnson was forced to take his championship abroad.

We were low when Jack Dempsey was forced to quit the scene, and now we cry over the loss of Louis, and make ourselves believe that there is no bright glint on the horizon.

Boxing somehow manages to take care of itself. In fact, it always falls upstairs. That is because it has an inherent strength which not even its termites are able to sap.

For many years, it has been the pleasant custom of THE RING Magazine to rate the fighters of the world, to pick the Fighter of the Year, and to mass the achievements of twelve months in the rings from New York to Sydney. For twenty-two years we have carried on this work as an aid to boxing.

Picking the Fighter of the Year nearly always entails problems.

It is not merely a matter of going over the records and naming the man with the best showing.

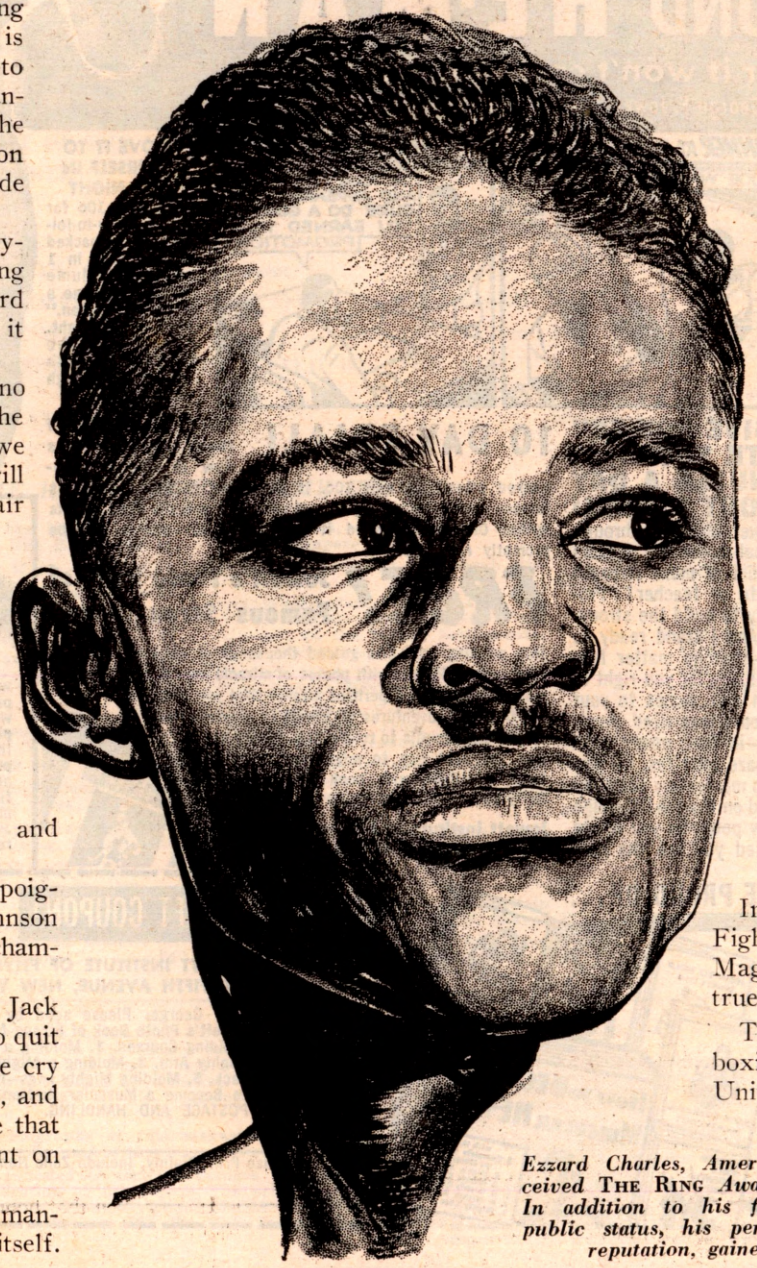
THE RING Magazine's Fighter of the Year must have not only high rating as a technician, but a fine record with the fans. In short, he must be a credit to the game.

THE man who, for 1949, comes closest to these stringent rigid specifications is Ezzard Charles, of Cincinnati, heavyweight champion of the United States, and outstanding contender for the world title.

Behind Charles in the Fighter of the Year ranking, THE RING Magazine places Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, and middleweight challenger, and Willie Pep, who in 1949 regained the featherweight laurels from Sandy Saddler. Ike Williams, last year's "Fighter of the Year," failed to live up to expectations in 1949.

In designating Charles as its Fighter of the Year, THE RING Magazine wishes to define his true status.

This publication holds that the boxing world is not limited to the United States.



Ezzard Charles, American heavyweight king, who received THE RING *Award as The Fighter of the Year. In addition to his fine performances for 1949, his public status, his personal conduct and unassailable reputation, gained for him this high honor.*

In fact, when it comes to the development of first-rate youngsters, this country hardly enjoys any emphatic advantages over Europe.

In the filling of the heavyweight championship left vacant by the retirement of Joe Louis, nations other than ours deserve every consideration.

We may believe Charles to be supreme. But, in reality, we have no concrete evidence to that effect, nor would we be justified in chasing all others out of the field without a chance to prove themselves.

Charles is the best heavyweight in America. Bruce Woodcock still is the British champion and the best heavyweight in Europe.

We have utterly no right to rule Woodcock out of the running. Nor have we the right to kick our own Lee Savold out the door on any plea whatsoever.

CHARLES outpointed Jersey Joe Walcott in 15 rounds at Chicago on June 22. Later, in September, in New York, Ezzard knocked out Gus Lesnevich.

Charles did all that was required of him as a fighter, he did it all without scandal, without derogation.

By punching his way to the fore, by maintaining fine public relations, by impressing the National Boxing Association so vehemently that it went out of its way to declare him the world champion, Charles won the Fighter of the Year accolade.

Ray Robinson presented good credentials in the competition. He ran Charles a close race for top honors.

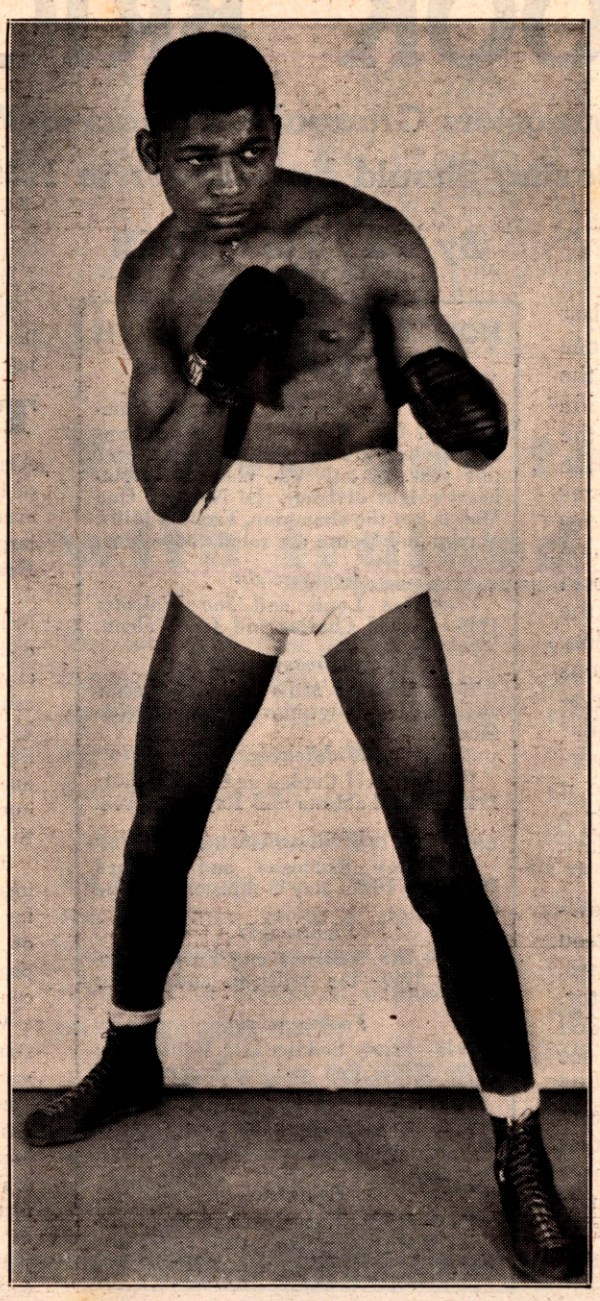
But Robinson has too many postponements. THE RING Magazine is not interested in tax situations or any other reported reasons. It would like to see Sugar Ray stick to his promises.

Robinson in all twelve of his non-title fights during the year consistently scaled well over 150 pounds, and the tremendous winning fight he put on in defending his championship honors against Kid Gavilan on July 11 at Philadelphia at a weakened and torturing 147 pounds does him honor.

Though having defeated the Cuban in a non-title over-the-weight bout the year before, many thought that the 147-pound limit would prove Ray's downfall. However, once more Robinson showed himself to be one of the finest ringmen of any era.

Sugar Ray was in command from the beginning. After the fifth round, it was virtually no contest as the mastery of the champion was expressed in the manner in which he utilized his polished left hook, perhaps the best single weapon owned by any fighter now active.

A beautiful exhibition by an artist is the best phrase that can be used of Robby's performance as, with a bare minimum of effort, he constantly thwarted the onrushing, bolo-punching challenger.



Ray Robinson, world welterweight champion, who gave Charles a nip-and-tuck battle for the Fighter of the Year Award. Sugar Ray is the only fighter rated in two divisions—champion among the welters and leading contender for the middleweight honors.

HAVING conclusively proven his superiority over the leading welterweight contender and with weight now a serious problem, Sugar Ray eyed the middleweight throne, and on August 24 took on the second ranking world middleweight, Steve Belloise, at the Yankee Stadium, New York.

The marvelous Harlem mitt artist pounded Belloise into a complete state of exhaustion, compelling Steve to concede defeat at the end of the seventh round. The paralyzing blows from which Belloise could find no defense, saw Robinson in the most spectacular triumph of his career.

Outboxed, outfought, outmaneuvered at every turn, Belloise was staggered under Robinson's right to the jaw in the second round. Robinson continued to pour it on and launched a savage body attack in the third and capped it off by rocking his opponent with a left hook to the jaw.

Early in the fourth Belloise was shaken to his heels under Robby's right to the jaw but rallied with a reckless, desperation bid to score a knockout with a rushing, sweeping style of fighting.

But even this was more threatening than effective as the composed welterweight champion nimbly fled, unhurt, as he let the fury of Belloise's ineffective attack wear itself out.

The dramatic ending lasted the full three minutes of the seventh round. At the outset a left hook to the jaw staggered Belloise. A right to the jaw almost dropped him. Belloise, to his everlasting credit, fought back gamely, grimly, furiously—but to no avail.

Victory was to be Robinson's and Sugar Ray went in close, drilling repeatedly to the body with powerful short-arm lefts and rights which had Belloise cringing.

As they broke to long-range firing in a neutral corner, came the exchange of left hooks for the jaw—Robby connected, Belloise didn't—and it was the finish of the brave Bronx battler. He was floored for a count of five and dragged to his corner as the bell ended the round.

Powerless to get his legs under him and come out for the eighth round, Steve's manager notified Referee Eddie Joseph that it was over.

ONLY one fight, a draw with Henry Brimm on February 15 in Buffalo, marred an otherwise perfect slate for Sugar Ray during the year. Had he won that bout, he would have been voted "THE RING's Fighter of the Year."

Before that fight he started off the year by stopping Gene Buffalo in one round in Wilkes-Barre. *(Continued on page 52)*

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

With Youngsters Gradually Replacing Veterans, Boxing Should Fare Better in 1950

By NAT FLEISCHER

LOOKING back at the last twelve months in boxing, one cannot overlook the fact that the sport took it on the chin. A terrific drop in both attendance and in the calibre of the pugilists marked the year. The whys and wherefores have been discussed too often to receive much attention now but one can blame it on the war, the world depression following the end of the international conflict and television. These are the three major reasons that have brought boxing to its present status but we have faced similar situations in the past and have overcome the handicaps and we'll do it again. We are passing through a cycle and the outlook is not too dark for a return to normalcy.

Most of the blame is being showered by sports critics on television but that is only one of the causes. Poor fighting talent is the top factor.

It takes time to develop good boxing material and though we see no stars in the offing, a crop of youngsters is coming to the fore in Europe and America which makes the outlook brighter. So long as there is boxing, the fans will come out if they expect to see good competition regardless of the calibre of the talent.

If the fights carry an appeal, neither television nor radio will keep the fans away. That's why it behooves the promoters and matchmakers to forget their personal interest in fighters and arrange their cards with only one objective—to please the customers.

HOW THEY COMPARE WITH LAST YEAR'S RATINGS

HERE is a comparison of the Number One Man in last year's ratings and his leading contender and those of this year. In only one class, the light-heavyweight division, the Number One Man is not the champion, Freddie Mills. Maxim and Moore are rated above him:

Heavyweight

1948—Joe Louis and Joe Walcott; 1949—Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott.

Light-heavyweight

1948—Freddie Mills and Gus Lesnevich; 1949—Joey Maxim and Archie Moore.

Middleweight

1948—Marcel Cerdan and Bert Lytell; 1949—Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson.

Welterweight

1948—Ray Robinson and Bernard Docusen; 1949—Ray Robinson and Kid Gavilan.

Lightweight

1948—Ike Williams and Enrique Bolanos; 1949—Ike Williams and Arthur King.

Featherweight

1948—Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep; 1949—Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler.

Bantamweight

1948—Manuel Ortiz and Cecil Schoonmaker; 1949—Manuel Ortiz and Luis Romero.

Flyweight

1948—Rinty Monaghan and Dado Marino; 1949—Rinty Monaghan and Terry Allen.

BY DEGREES the veterans who topped the cards in the years immediately following the cessation of hostilities in World War Number Two, are being shunted out of the picture. Retirement through old age or through repeated defeats, has paved the way for the youngsters to come to the front as headliners.

A glance over the active fighters of the past year shows that particularly in the higher divisions, the vets continue to hold the reins, but newcomers, boys who loom as good prospects, are replacing many of the old timers in the other divisions. The vets, however, still hold the reins in each division.

There is Charles, the leader in the heavyweight ranks; Mills, the light-heavyweight; Jake LaMotta, the middleweight; Ray Robinson, the welter; Ike Williams, the lightweight; Willie Pep, the feather; Manuel Ortiz, the bantam, and Rinty Monaghan, the flyweight. The latest year that any of these leaders started their professional career, was 1941. Monaghan began in 1939; Ortiz, 1938; Pep, 1939; Williams, 1940; Robinson, 1940; LaMotta, 1941; Mills, 1936, and Charles, 1940.

Most of these fighters still have a number of years ahead of them as outstanding pugilists.

THE past twelve months was the busiest and most momentous in Anglo-American relations in the long history of boxing and the outlook for 1950 looks even brighter for a continuance on a larger scale. To Jack Solomons, premier European boxing promoter, the world of boxing owes a vote of thanks for bringing about such activity. He has done more for international fisticuffs than any promoter, past or present. American visitors to England have aided in keeping up the interest in the sport in the British Isles. Nothing quite stirs the imagination and interest in boxing, like international matches. Solomons can testify to that.

They create discussions. They fire the imagination of the fight fans. They make for new followers in the fistic sport. All of which is highly stimulating to world pugilism in general and to Anglo-American contacts in particular.

With Bruce Woodcock as the outstanding candidate abroad for Joe Louis' vacated throne and Freddie Mills holding down the world light-heavyweight title, Britain's status in the eyes of American boxing authorities has moved up considerably during the past year. International matches in which American boxers played a prominent part, acted as a stimulant to the sport in England at a time when there was great need for such help.

Yankee mittmen can look forward in the months to come for stirring competition from their British brethren and in due time, perhaps there will be a revival of those colorful eras when such talented visitors as Fitzsimmons, Welsh, Driscoll, Moran, Milligan, Moody, Dyer, Ted Kid Lewis, Farr among other excellent British fighters figured prominently in the international department of American boxing history.

So much for the 1949 phase of world boxing.

OUT of the year's competition, there emerged several talented lads whose future looks bright. They may never reach the top rung of the ladder which is reserved for the very best, but they've come to the rescue of the sport at a time when new faces were sadly needed and for that we are grateful.

In the heavyweight division Cesar Brion of Argentina; Roland LaStarza of New York; Rocky Marciano of Brockton, Mass.; Joe Lindsay and George Kaplan of Brooklyn; Carmine Vingo of New York; Bob Baker of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Clarence Henry of Los Angeles, Cal., and Neil Wallace of Charlotte, North Carolina, topped the list. There was an extreme scarcity of talent in the light-heavyweight division, where the most promising newcomer in the class is a San Diego, Cal., veteran who started his career five years ago—Bob Murphy. This former middleweight has enough to enable him to get to the top in the higher sector.

In addition to Bob, there is another prospect in Ted Calaman of Philadelphia, Pa., with a record above the average.

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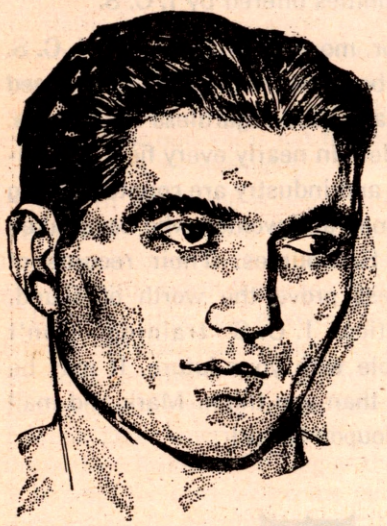
Jimmy Flood, New York's hard-hitting, energetic, aggressive youngster; Paul Pender of Brookline, Mass., and Jimmy Beau of Bridgeport, Conn., were the best of the newcomers in the middleweight section.

Ross Virgo, Rochester, N. Y.; Sonny Luciano of Paterson, N. J.; Orlando Capeda of Cuba; Art Davis of Miami, and Johnny Saxton of New York top the welters.

As we go down the list to the lower divisions we find a larger number of youngsters above the ordinary calibre. This is true of the welterweight, lightweight and featherweight classes.

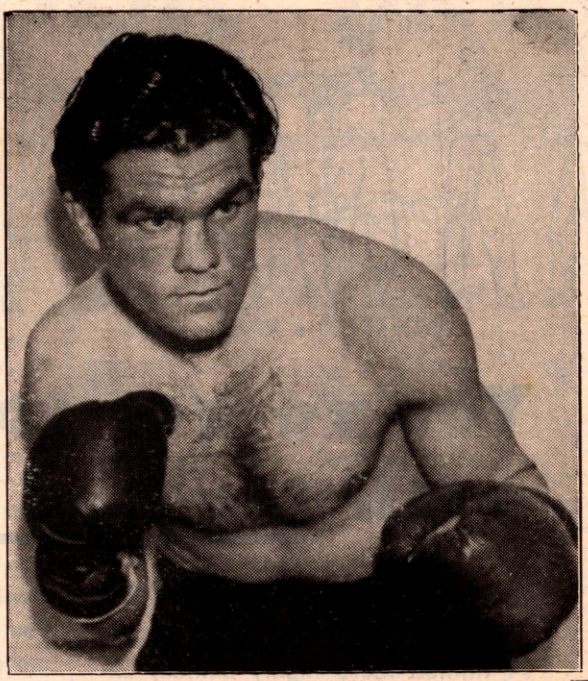
Marias Fenoy of Spain; Johnny Gonzales of Oakland, Cal.; Tote Martinez of San Francisco, Cal.; Alger Smith of England, and Walter Haines of Brooklyn are the best among the lightweight prospects.



Joey Maxim, American light-heavyweight king, ranked best in his division.

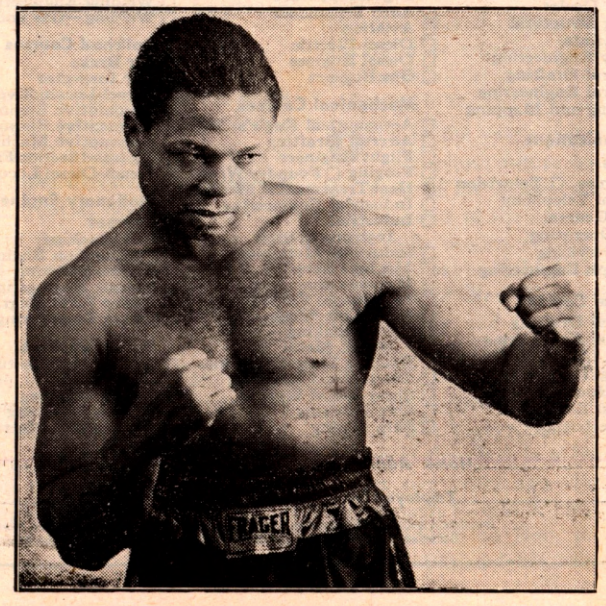
Keith Francis of Australia; Johnny Breeze of Toronto, Can., and Frankie Sequiera of Oakland, Cal., showed considerable merit among the feathers.

WHEN we come to the last two classes we find the cream of the newcomers are foreigners, although here and there is a youngster from America who, if he could obtain the same kind of competition available to boys in other parts of the world in his sector, might reach a high level. Frankie Sodono of Philadelphia, Pa.; Palaco Lopez of Cuba; Mokey Hananami of Hawaii; Henry Gault of South Carolina; Hadie Tijaui of Tunis, and Spencer Driver of Australia head the best of the bantam prospects.



Freddie Mills, light-heavyweight champion, who is ranked third best in his division though champion.

UNLIKE last year when we had no difficulty in choosing a "Rookie of the Year," the fighter who, although he might have been fighting as a pro for more than twelve months, made the most strides among the newcomers, there was no such outstanding battler in 1949, hence we will not make such award this year. However, the sport did furnish a number of promising lads in the various divisions who are worthy of mention, among them Wallace (Bud) Smith, a lightweight from Cincinnati, who in his eleventh pro battle won a decision over the leading contender, Tommy Campbell; Maurice Harper, a fine welterweight, who turned pro last May and in his fifth bout defeated Earl Turner, and Vic Toweel, a South African triple champion.



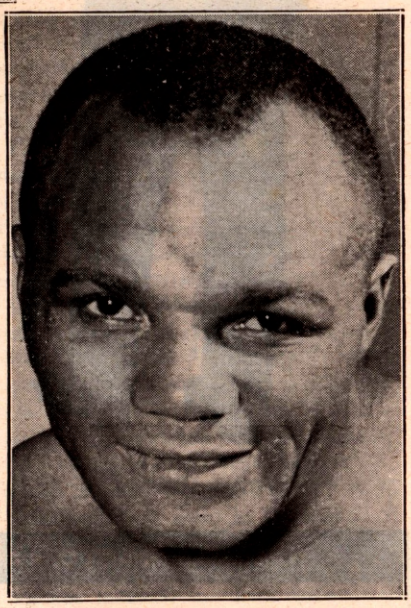
Archie Moore, rated next to Maxim as outstanding light-heavyweight challenger.

Harper, who comes from Oakland, Calif., was stopped by Milo Savage, but showed determination a few weeks later by taking a ten-round verdict from the same fighter.

The heavyweights provided no standout, although Roland La-Starza was prominent. He made the greatest advancement among the boys of his division, but he lacks class and will probably get no further than he now has advanced.

Lester Felton of Detroit, whose victory over Gavilan stirred up a hornet's nest, has been chosen by THE RING as the "Fighter Who Made the Most Progress in 1949." He will receive THE RING award, as did Kid Gavilan last year.

Much was expected of Enrique Bolanos, who for several years has been rated among the top men of the lightweight class, but he proved a flop when put to the test against tough talent.

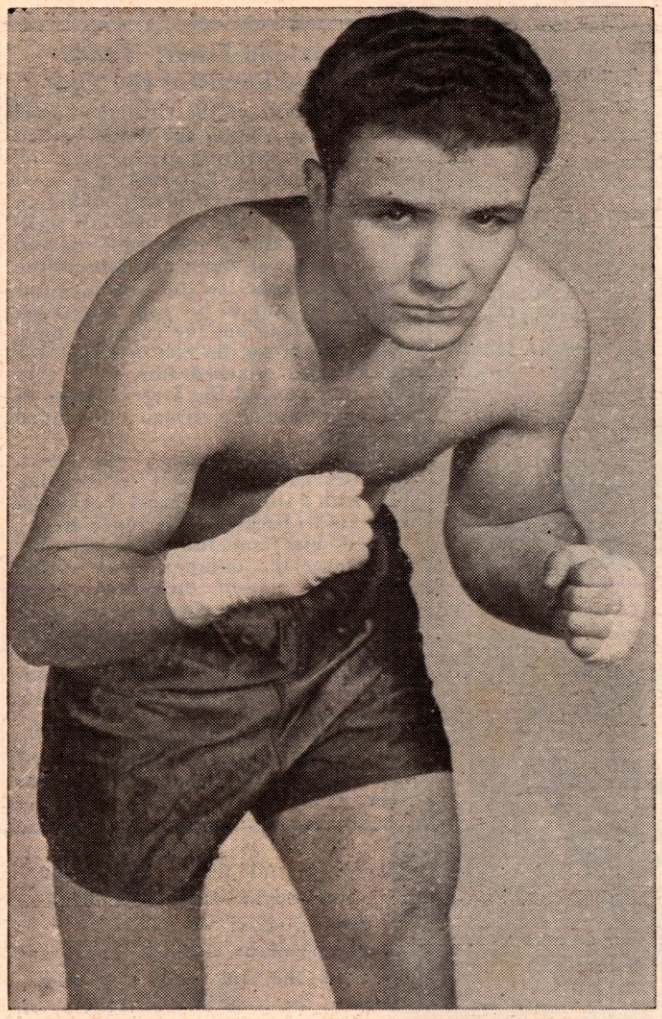


Jersey Joe Walcott, who again is chosen the leading contender for heavyweight honors.

He fell far short of advance predictions in his title bout with Ike Williams, who beat him readily, and then in New York against Terry Young, over whom he was a 3 to 1 favorite, he again missed the boat.

His work was a keen disappointment following the high praise accorded him by this publication.

DEATHS and injuries piled up during the year as never before in the history of the sport. Eighteen fatalities and dozens of severe injuries were recorded, but in this respect, boxing as in past

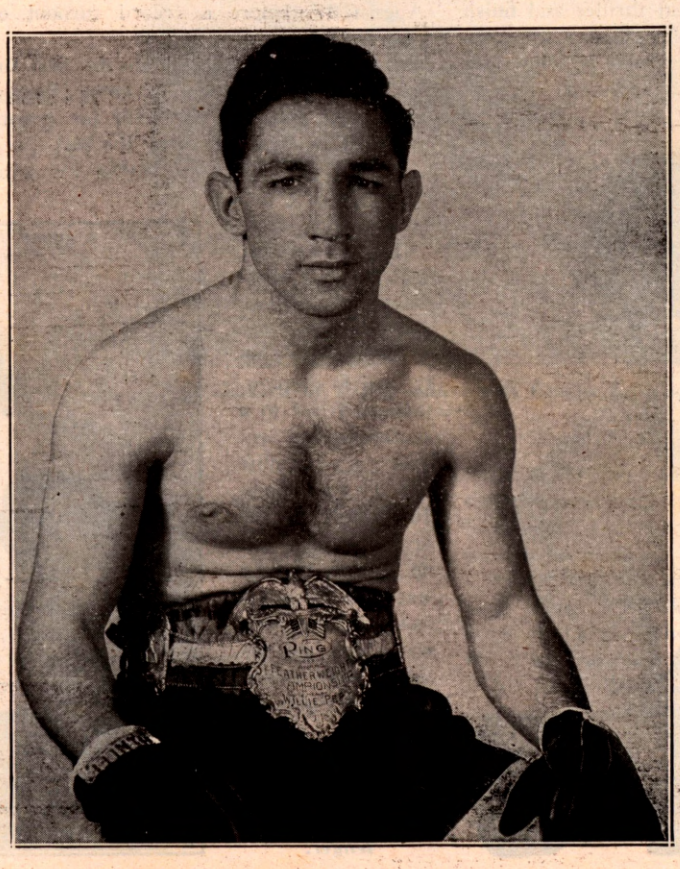


Jake LaMotta, middleweight king, placed at head of group of 160 pound division.

years fared far better than did several other sports, notably football and midget auto racing.

Despite the precautions taken by boxing commissions to avoid accidents and fatalities, they continue to pile up. Most of the trouble rests with the extremely poor padding under the mats and the type of gloves in use.

"Breaking" the gloves by trainers should be prohibited, and the commissions should place a ban on the use of old gloves, especially those with the leather so dried that ridges appear on the surface. Protective measures of that type are very much in need.



Willie Pep, great little featherweight, who again tops his class.

IN selecting the "Round of the Year," the staff of THE RING Magazine had a number of fine performances from which to choose.

However, for sheer thrills, amazing turnabouts and importance of the fights, the list was narrowed down to three, with the Graziano-Fusari tenth round finally taking the honors.

On September 14 at the Polo Grounds in New York City, Rocky Graziano came back to fight in his home town after a three-year exile, attempting to fight himself back into topline contention and the popularity he knew during his greatest days. He was facing the supreme test. Defeat at the hands of Charley Fusari, an outstanding performer though only a welterweight, would have sent Graziano's stock tumbling and ruled him out of consideration for world honors.

With ring rust clearly evident, Rocky's coordination appearing to be shot, cut in the vicinity of the left eye, an open mark at all times, down from a left hook in the second round, behind on rounds on the cards of the three officials going into the tenth and final stanza, Graziano rallied as of old, tearing loose as one with a new lease on life. Fusari was on the run, but was finally brought down for a count of three, then dropped to his knees to take advantage of the full nine.

With Fusari hurt, Graziano all but fought him through the ropes and then, in a neutral corner, continuously battered

RING DEATHS IN 1949

Jan. 27. Charley Byas died after being kayoed by William Holmes in a Golden Gloves tournament at Moberly, Mo. (Amateur)

Feb. 19. Ali Mekoui died after being kayoed by August Calet in Algiers. (Professional)

Mar. 20. Art Jackson died of brain hemorrhage after an injury during training in Toledo, O. (Professional)

Mar. 30. Billy Cornwall died after being kayoed by Tote Martinez at San Jose, Calif. (Professional)

Apr. 1. Marine Pfc. Alfred John Cavanaugh died from injuries suffered in an intramural boxing tournament at the Naval air station, near Memphis, Tenn. (Amateur)

Apr. 20. Freddy Sylvano died from brain hemorrhage following knockout in fight with Johnny Efhan in Honolulu, Hawaii. (Professional)

May. Mustapha Rafai died from injuries after losing a decision to Hocin Rabah in Algiers. (Professional)

June 8. Evangelist Ramos died of head injuries suffered in a workout with Joseph Malone in New York City, N. Y. (Professional)

July 26. Herman Fleissner died after being kayoed in a bout in Frankfurt, Germany. (Amateur)

Aug. 6. Nai Tom Chai died after being kayoed by Mok Kai Khoon in Singapore. (Professional)

Sept. 21. Archie Kemp died after being kayoed by Jack Hassen in Sydney, Australia. (Professional)

Oct. 3. Salvador Ramos died after being kayoed by Carlos Ramirez at Cuernevaca, Mexico. (Professional)

Oct. 5. Enrico Bertola died after losing a ten-round decision to Lee Oma in Buffalo, N. Y. (Professional)

Oct. 11. Talmadge Bussey died after being kayoed by Luther Rawlings in Detroit, Mich. (Professional)

Oct. 17. Jesus Barrientos died of internal hemorrhage after losing a decision in Guanajuato, Mexico. (Professional)

Oct. 30. Rino Bettolo died of brain hemorrhage after being kayoed in Milan, Italy. (Amateur)

Nov. 14. Eugene Potter died during a workout at the U. of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor, Mich. (Amateur)

Nov. 30. Donald F. Ehrhardt died following a workout at the U. of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz. (Amateur)

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1931—Tommy Loughran
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1933—No award
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1935—Barney Ross
1936—Joe Louis
1937—Henry Armstrong
1938—Joe Louis
1939—Joe Louis
1940—Billy Conn
1941—Joe Louis
1942—Ray Robinson
1943—Fred Apostoli
1944—Beau Jack
1945—Willie Pep
1946—Tony Zale
1947—Gus Lesnevich
1948—Ike Williams
1949—Ezzard Charles

Fusari until the Jersey boy hung limp over the middle strand.

Off the ropes but pinned in a neutral corner, Rocky's blows rammed against the gamester's head and as Graziano pulled back his right for the finishing touch, Referee Ruby Goldstein wisely stepped in to halt the slaughter with 56 seconds remaining.

ROCKY had come back in startling fashion, in his own inimitable way, to earn the plaudits of the crowd and the honors in the outstanding round of the year.

Joey DeJohn and Pete Mead put on a real thriller and finish to their fight at Madison Square Garden, New York City, February 25, in what was termed the most spectacular middleweight fight in these parts since the first Zale-Graziano bout.

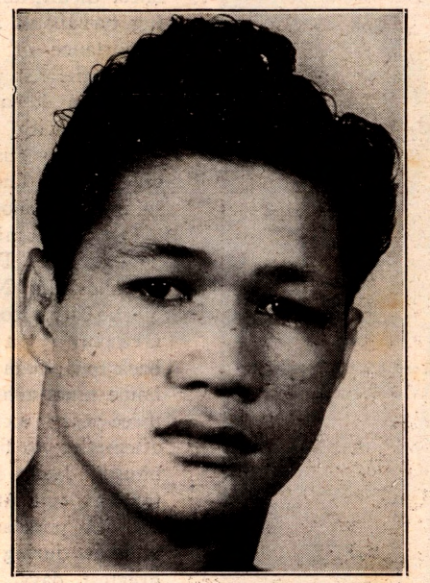
Rocky Graziano, whose tenth-round thriller with Fusari is rated the most sensational round of the year.

Far behind on points, down for a full nine-count in the third, downed twice in the fifth (once for nine), bleeding pitifully, Mead rallied to drop DeJohn three times in the seventh.

With cuts under both eyes and cut under the cheek, his nose broken and smeared in blood, Mead's cause appeared hopeless as DeJohn came out for the kill in that round.

However, Mead sent the Garden into a wild uproar with a right to the head. Another right sent DeJohn down for a full nine. DeJohn got up dazed, but fought back desperately only to be downed again for nine.

As his opponent got up, Mead swept him across the ring with a tornado of smashes to the head that brought a finish to the fight.



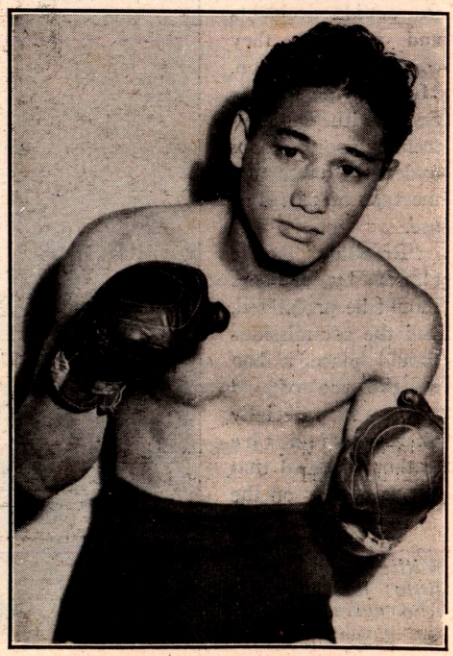
Bernard Docusen, a ranking contender for welterweight honors.

The third bout taken in consideration was the Lee Sala and Joey DeJohn battle in Syracuse, New York, August 17, before a record turnout of 11,640 persons, who paid $39,960.

Sala had been dropped for the first time in his career in the first round for a count of eight. Taking a terrible beating, he was down twice in the fifth for counts of nine and six, the second time being saved by the bell.

In the sixth, DeJohn rushed his weary opponent, who was bleeding from cuts under both eyes, and nailed him with a hard right that sent Sala down for a full nine.

Lee got up gamely, and in desperation, switched to a southpaw, and sent over a dynamite left that caught Joey flush on the jaw. Groggy but up at nine, DeJohn was met by a vicious attack that was launched by Sala, who rained lefts and rights on



Maxie Docusen, second leading lightweight challenger.

Graziano-Fusari Tenth Tabbed Round of the Year

THE details of the Graziano-Fusari wind-up round, the tenth, chosen as the most thrilling of the year, follows: As the round started, it seemed that Graziano sensed he was behind on points and he came out in a last final-ditch stand. Rocky rushed his foe and with a series of rights and lefts to the jaw, sent Fusari to the canvas. After getting halfway to his feet, Fusari decided to kneel out the count of nine. When he arose, he was a target for Rocky who attacked him in a wild fury and pressed the Jersey fighter to the ropes under a savage two-handed onslaught.

Fusari blocked some of the blows, but Graziano succeeded in clipping him with a solid right-hand shot to the jaw. Fusari backed to the ropes. Rocky rushed him forcefully and Charley hung over the middle strand unable to protect himself. Straightening up, he got to a neutral corner when Graziano struck him with stinging blows to the head. Fusari was powerless to do anything but hold his hands in front of his face to dull the edge of Rocky's heavy wallops.

Referee Goldstein, sensing that Fusari was in danger of injury, stepped between them to signal the fight was over. Time 2:04.

his opponent and finally sent over a paralyzing left hook, sending DeJohn down and out.

THERE were nine world championships decided during the year, besides three National Boxing Association title bouts and one American championship mill. Ezzard Charles figured in all of the N.B.A. title bouts and Joey Maxim won the American crown in the light-heavyweight division when he defeated Gus Lesnevich in Cincinnati. Here are the title bouts for the year:

Heavyweights

June 22—Ezzard Charles defeated Joe Walcott, 15 rounds, Chicago, Ill., for vacant N.B.A. title.

August 10—Ezzard Charles knocked out Gus Lesnevich, 7 rounds, New York City, N. Y., retaining N.B.A. title.

October 14—Ezzard Charles knocked out Pat Valentino, 8 rounds, San Francisco, Calif., retaining N.B.A. title.

Light-Heavyweight

May 23—Joey Maxim defeated Gus Lesnevich, 15 rounds, Cincinnati, O., for vacant American title.

Middleweight

June 16—Jake LaMotta stopped Marcel Cerdan, who was unable to come out for the tenth round, to win the title, at Detroit, Mich.

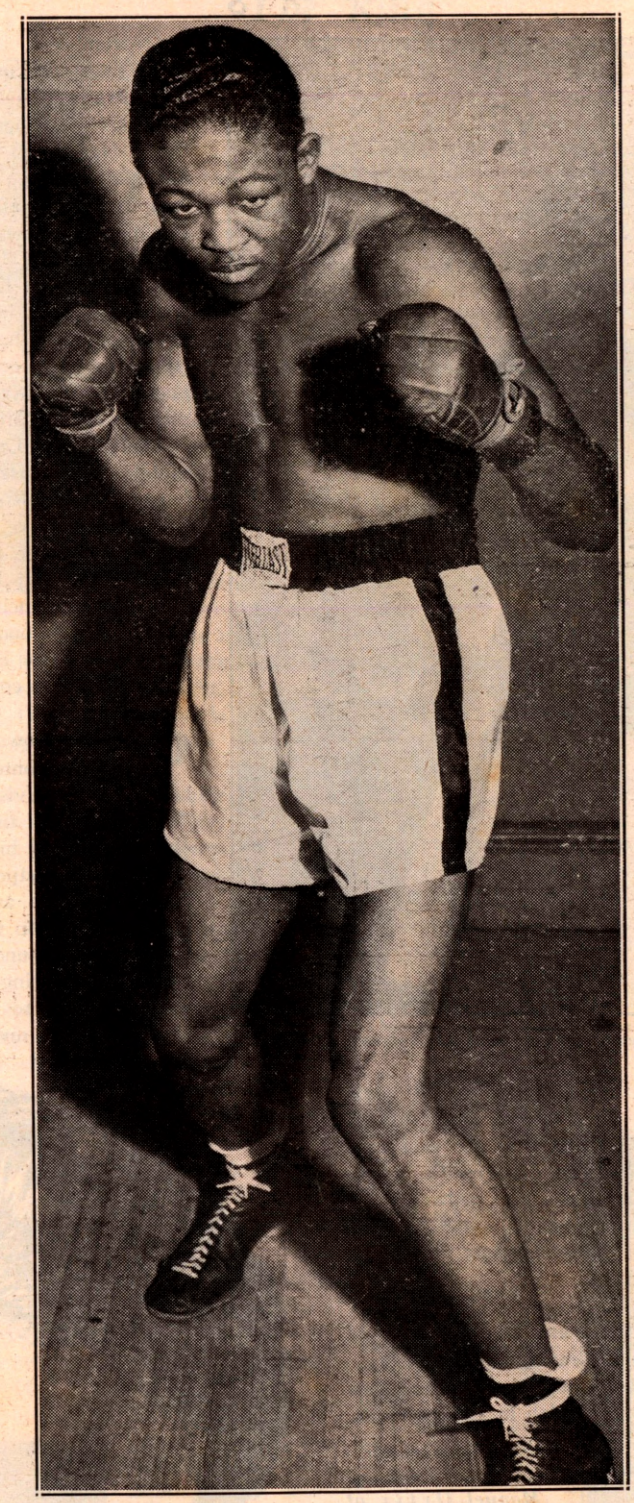
Welterweight

July 11—Ray Robinson defeated Kid Gavilan, 15 rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., retaining title.

Lightweight

July 21—Ike Williams knocked out Enrique Bolanos, 4 rounds, at Los Angeles, Calif., retaining title.

December 5—Ike Williams defeated Freddie Dawson, 15 rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., retaining title.



Kid Gavilan of Cuba, who heads Group Two of the welterweights.

Featherweight

February 11—Willie Pep defeated Sandy Saddler, 15 rounds, at New York City, N. Y., to regain title.

September 20—Willie Pep knocked out Eddie Compo, 7 rounds, at Waterbury, Conn., to defend title.

Bantamweight

March 1—Manuel Ortiz defeated Dado Marino, 15 rounds, at Honolulu, T.H., retaining title.

Flyweight

April 5—Rinty Monaghan defeated Maurice Sandeyron, 15 rounds, at Belfast, Ireland, retaining title.

September 30—Rinty Monaghan drew with Terry Allen, 15 rounds, at Belfast, Ireland, retaining title.

GLANCING through our world ratings for 1949 we find that in the heavyweight listing eight of the first nine men are fighters who have seen long service. Jersey Joe Walcott, who already has had three chances to win a crown—two against Louis for world honors and one with Charles for the N.B.A. crown—continues to remain the world's outstanding challenger despite his age. Lee Oma, Woodcock and Savold follow in that order.

THE RING Magazine's ratings are based on achievement in 1949—and not what we believe they will be able to do in 1950, or what they accomplished in any previous years.

We have placed Oma above Woodcock despite Bruce's victory over him on September 21, 1948, because of Bruce's idleness and Oma's ten consecutive victories this year over good talent.

Charles is placed in Group One all by himself. Greater honor, plus the Fighter of the Year designation, THE RING Magazine cannot give to the Cincinnati battler.

In Group Two, we have placed Jersey Joe Walcott, whom Charles defeated in 1949, Lee Oma, Woodcock, and Savold.

Mind, all this is done on things achieved in 1949. The question, therefore, is asked, "How do you place Savold in that second group, when he cannot show even one fight for 1949?"

The answer is this: Savold signed to fight Woodcock in 1949.

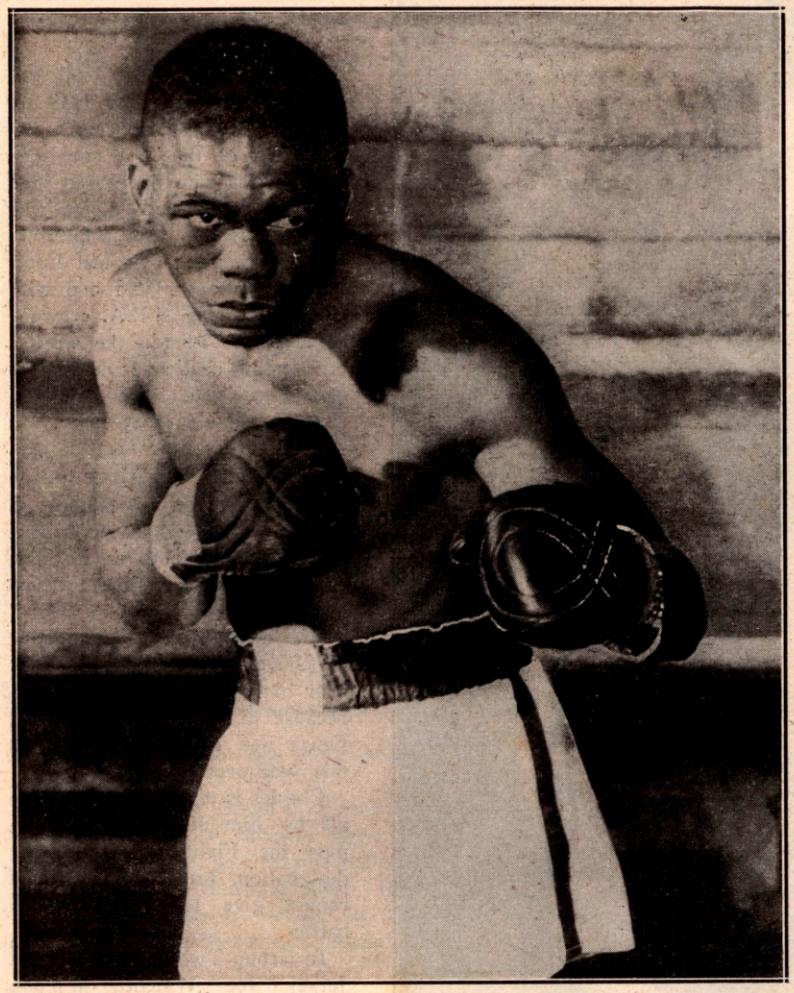
The British champion suffered injuries in a motor crash, and had to postpone the contest right out of the year's calendar.

Savold was unable to present a 1949 performance not because of his own doing.

Savold trained for four months for a chance to gain a higher spot in the elimination carnival, and then discovered that there was no fight. He was eager to take a couple of tune-up bouts, but could fight no one under the British contract until the Woodcock bout was over. Contracts in England are respected and therefore he has been idle.

Savold and Woodcock are scheduled to meet in May. Until they meet, or until, as some say it is Bruce's intention, he quits the ring without fighting again, the Yorkshireman and the American must be rated right in the competition.

Joe Louis, based on his ten-round exhibitions against leading contenders, must be figured in the heavyweight picture. It is likely that Joe during 1950 will decide to reenter the heavyweight sweepstakes. If so, he automatically will be rated as the leading contender. Louis has shown that he still carries his punch and can make things interesting.



Ike Williams, who again leads the lightweight division.

Coming to the light-heavyweight division we rate Freddie Mills, the world champion, in third place instead of on top of the list. Both Maxim and Archie Moore have in the past year accomplished far more creditable work than did Freddie, whose failure to engage in contests brought to him that setback.

Group One has Maxim on top with Moore, Mills and Leonard Morrow, following in that order. Six fighters occupy the second group.

THE obvious features of the ratings are the bypassing of Mills for Maxim, and the double top rating for Robinson.

Mills won the title from Lesnevich on July 26, 1948, and then fought one overweight bout with Johnny Ralph in Johannesburg, on November 6, 1948, and has not fought since then other than one bout for the British heavyweight title with Bruce Woodcock in which he was stopped in the fourteenth round. This inactivity, compared to the fights engaged in by Maxim this year, caused us to name Maxim as the Number One world light-heavyweight, though Mills is the champion. They'll settle the matter of supremacy in a few weeks in a title fight in London.

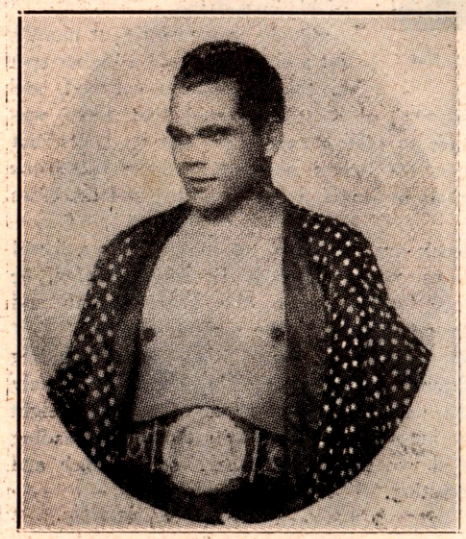
Maxim fought Ezzard Charles in February and lost a close decision in fifteen rounds. Then he won the American light-heavyweight title in fifteen rounds from Gus Lesnevich. He followed that with two knockouts, one over Joe Kahut in five rounds and the other over Pat McCafferty in four.

Though Jake LaMotta is listed as champion of the middleweight class, he has a sturdy contender for the honors in Ray Robinson, who is listed with Jake in Group One. Dave Sands, Tiberio Mitri, Robert Villemain and Steve Belloise also are favored with high ranking in Group One.

Five others, including Dauthuille and Graziano, are listed in a second section. Sands and Mitri would add considerable interest to the sport in America if imported to this country. They are good fighters.

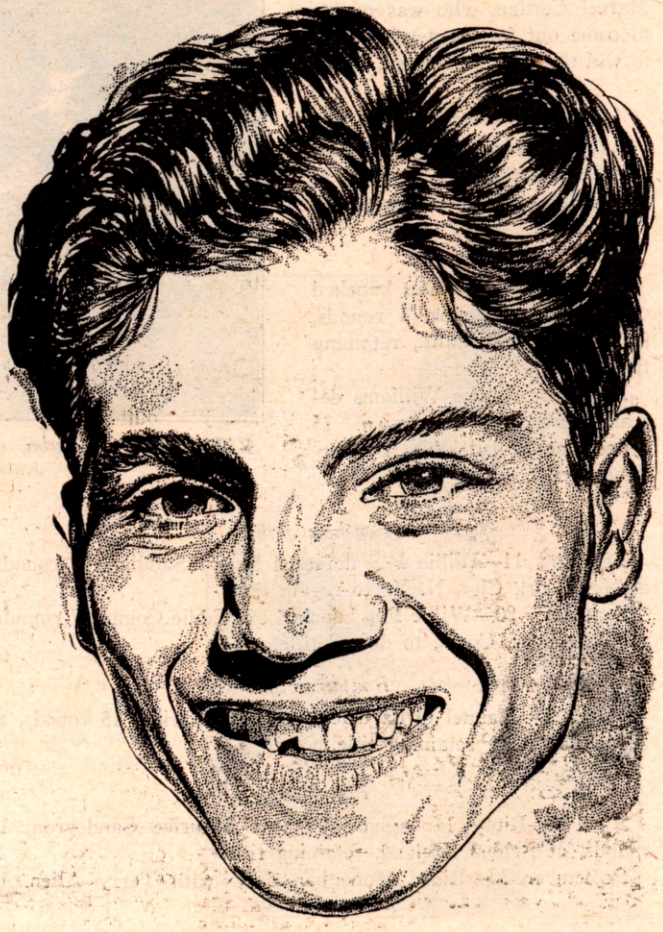
COMING down to the welterweights, we find Robinson contender for middleweight honors also heading this division. Sugar Ray, as explained in "The Fighter of the Year" report, lost out to Charles only because of his draw bout with Brimm and the fact that he postponed too many of his bouts to suit his convenience and his pocketbook without giving due consideration to the promoters.

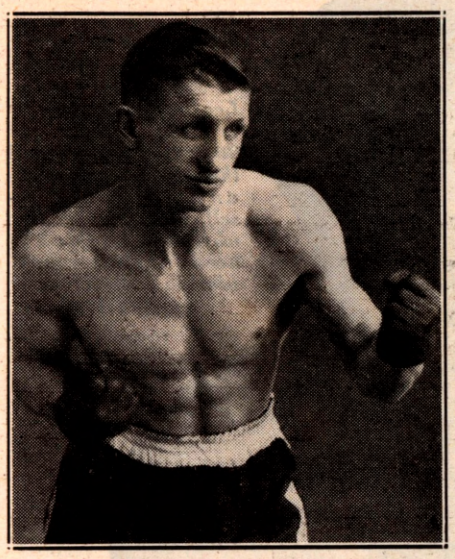
Sugar Ray is undoubtedly the best fighter, pound for pound, in the ring today. Should Robinson be given an opportunity to fight for the middleweight honors, that division, in my opinion, will have a new champion.



Manuel Ortiz of California, who continues to lead the bantams. →

Dave Sands of Australia who heads Group 2 of the middleweights. ←





Rinty Monaghan of Ireland, the world flyweight king.

IN Group Two of the welterweight division we find Kid Gavilan of Cuba the top man, with George Costner of Cincinnati his leading rival.

Freddie Dawson, who fought most of his contests during the year scaling in the welter class, was our original choice for the leading challenger's post in this division, but when he came in below the lightweight limit in his title fight with Ike Williams, we decided to shift him back to the class in which he has pleaded to be placed—the lightweight. Though Bernard Docusen was stopped by Dawson, and Charley Fusari had been halted by Graziano, each is listed in the same grouping with Kid Gavilan.

A third group rates Lester Felton, Ronnie Delaney, Johnny Bratton, Frankie Fernandez, Ross Virgo, and Terry Young. Costner's latest knockout of Doug Ratford, conqueror of Kid Gavilan, makes him an outstanding contender for world honors.

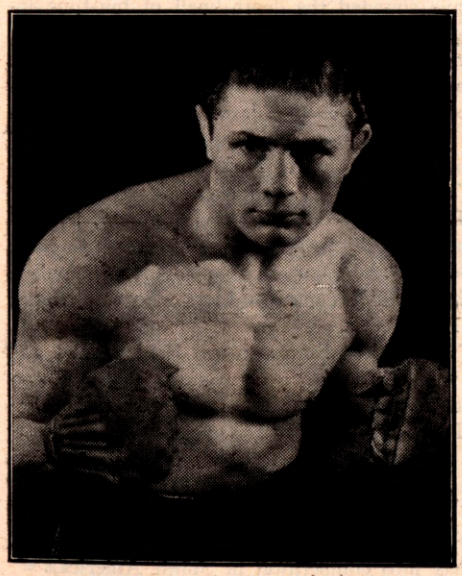
IKE WILLIAMS and Freddie Dawson occupy Group One among the lightweights as the men who stand out far above all the others in their class.

Arthur King, the British Empire champion, heads the next group, with Maxie Docusen, Sonny Boy West and Art Aragon following. Then, as in the welter class, comes a third division with Tommy Campbell heading the bunch. Rudy Cruz, Enrique Bolanos, Kid Dussart, Solly Cantor and Wallace Bud Smith are in this sector.

Pep and Saddler top the feathers in Group One. A second group finds Ray Famechon of France, Ronnie Clayton of England, and Henry Davis of Hawaii in that order, with a fourth listing topped by Charley Riley.

Manuel Ortiz, long at the head of the bantams, continues to lead his field. But he is hard pressed by Luis Romero, an excellent bantam from Spain. Danny O'Sullivan of England, and another foreigner, Elley Bennett of Australia, complete Group One.

Luis Galvani of Cuba, Medina of France, Ferracin of Italy, Valero of Mexico, Gardner of England, Towell of South Africa and Reuben Smith of California complete Group Two.

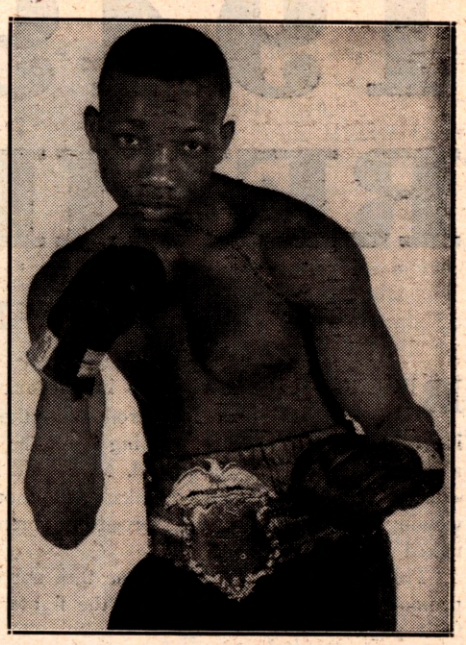


Raymond Famechon of France, a high-ranking featherweight.

As for the flyweights, as in past years, foreigners rule the roost. This year not one American boy is listed in the numerical ratings.

The first division consists of three fighters, with Rinty Monaghan, Honore Pratesi of France and Terry Allen of England.

Sandy Saddler, who occupies a place in the same group with the champion as the leading contender for featherweight honors.



The second group has eight boys named, headed by Maurice Sandeyron of France, Jean Sneyers of Belgium, Dickie O'Sullivan of England, Norman Lewis of Wales, Mickey Hill of Australia, Peter Keenan of Scotland, Norman Tennant of Scotland and Black Pico of Cuba complete that division.

BOXING in 1949 made slow but definite progress in its struggle against many vexing problems.

Attendance still was not what it should have been, but this may be traced, in part, to deleterious publicity stemming from the press, as well as television and a paucity of standout cards. Standout as compared with the "palmy days."

Receipts failed to rise. This traced, in a way, to not too intelligent matchmaking, even in America's foremost fight arena, Madison Square Garden.

Never before was it so essential to make the most of material on hand, yet the matchmakers as a whole flopped in their selections.

Europe has been developing a lot of fine prospects. We have been comparatively slow in that direction. England is far ahead of the U.S. in that respect.

Europe's industrial setup encourages young men to look to other activities for a satisfactory financial return.

In the United States, employment remains high, and young men do not want to risk their safe jobs in a gamble for ring recognition.

THE year saw the retirement of Mike Jacobs as chief of the Twentieth Century S. C. in New York, and the suzerainty

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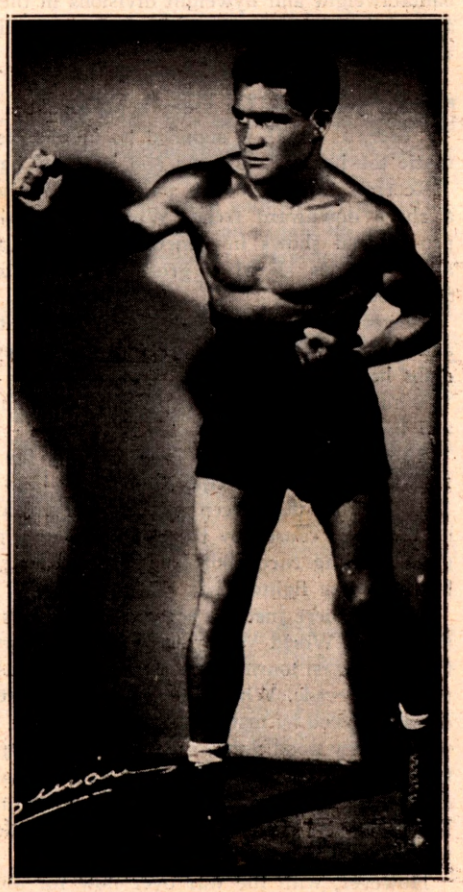

Luis Romero, outstanding challenger in the bantamweight division.

1949 *in* REVIEW

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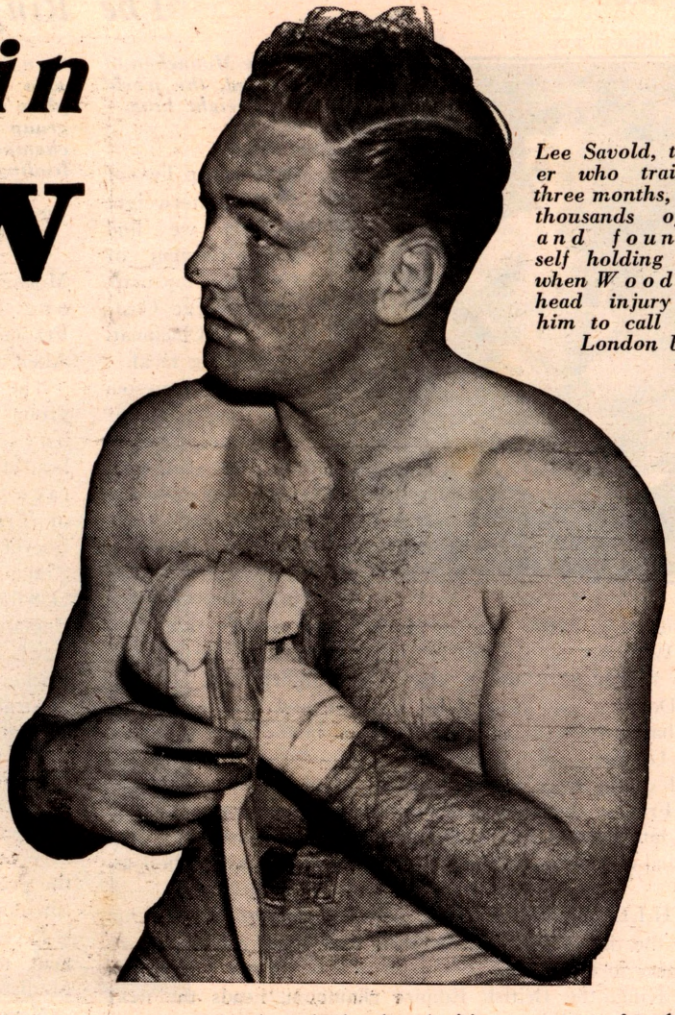


Lee Savold, the fighter who trained for three months, travelled thousands of miles and found himself holding the bag when Woodcock's head injury caused him to call off their London bout.

RECENTLY at a small club in Niagara Falls, Ont., boxer Jack McDonald strode into the ring wearing a colorful green robe. Peeling it off, he was stopped short by shrieks from the crowd. McDonald looked down —and lo and behold—no trunks. One mournful gent, viewing the unveiling, was forced to comment on the naked truth.

"Things are so bad in the game that not only are the promoters losing their shirts but the fighters are losing their pants!"

Which just about sums up the situation for the year 1949 in boxing. The mournful gent had said a mouthful.

THE RING Magazine's annual review of the year in boxing, based on the reports of its more than sixty-five correspondents in the far-flung corners of the world, its extensive, up-to-the-minute-kept files, data released by the commissions, talks with promoters and matchmakers, the extended world trips made by Editor Nat Fleischer, and coverage of bouts by our own staff experts, show the boxing industry to have declined from the rally it made the year before.

The downward trend in attendance, television, overall lack of promising new faces, the British rally for supremacy early in the year before the devaluation of the pound, the upsurge of Continental Europe, the greatest international traffic in fighters since pre-war days and the complete dormancy of the bantamweight and flyweight divisions in the United States, were among the topics that kept the fistic pot boiling through an otherwise dismal year.

THE year was far from being one of boxing's best. However, as usual, it supplied its laughs, its heartaches, its dramatic touches, its rhubarbs and its good fights.

Receipts and attendance, particularly in the United States, took a sharp downward trend. While the approximate "take" from professional shows in America in 1948 was $11,240,000, available statistics signal a gross for 1949 to be no more than $7,000,000.

However, these figures are based only on tickets sold for shows and do not include whatever radio and television money various clubs have received.

While fewer people are going to the fights, more are viewing and listening to them.

Though television has been bearing the brunt of accusation for the decline in receipts there have been contributing factors. Not only has there been a lack of promising new faces to take up the slack caused by the retiring aces who in past years were good drawing cards but for the second straight year the number of active fighters has taken a drop.

Simply, there just are not enough fighters to go around. While the second World War was on many experts believed that from the servicemen tournaments would come the fighting champions of the next decade. When time proved that theory to be wrong the opinion voiced by many was that it was due to the war that there were so few good fighters: the boys didn't get the proper kind of training for a ring career, they were too old to start once they came out of service, the benefits derived under the G.I. Bill of Rights handed them opportunities that made them shun the ring as a profession, etc.

However, with the war over now for almost five years those reasons cannot be submitted as legitimate excuses for the lack of fighters. Boys who were in their teens at the end of the war and were not in service should have now advanced to a fighting age. But still the ranks of active fighters is thinning!

WHILE boxing in the States has felt a letdown, the same cannot be said for the rest of the world. The British Isles, Continental Europe, South America, Australia and South Africa have shown a comparative upswing in interest, attendance, receipts and caliber of fighters.

During the year Britain, under Jack Solomons, managed to push to the front ranks as a world boxing center as many American and foreign fighters were lured to the Tight Little Isle with the promise of exorbitant purses.

However, when the British government devalued the pound in September, it may have sounded the death-knell of big-time international matches for that country.

The year 1949 saw fighters cluttering up airports and harbors in practically wholesale numbers in what was the greatest international traffic of boxers since pre-war days.

Elis Ask, Enrico Bertola, Gino Buonvino, Beppe Colasanti, Marcel Cerdan, Durante Colletti, Harry Haft, Laurent Dauthuille, Jo Weidin, Renato Tontini, Robert Villemain, Massina Sanna, Armando Amanini, Eric Boon, Aldo and Livio Minelli, Silvano Locatelli, Luigi Valentine, Duilio Spagnola, Jean Mougin, Gaetano Annaloro, Ermano Bonetti, and Georges Chappe represent only a partial list of the British and European fighters who campaigned in the States during 1949.

From Canada and the United States to the British Isles and the Continent trips were made by Solly Cantor, Vern Escoe, Earl Walls, Steve Belloise, Manuel Ortiz, Joe Walcott, Lee Savold, Don Mogard, Tommy Yarosz, Billy Graham, Tony Janiro, Pete Mead, George Ross, Frankie (Cortese) Cordino, Danny Carabella, Sandy Saddler, Fernando Gagnon and Arthur King.

GERMANY, developing several good fighters, and despite a ban, sent pugilists into competition in South America.

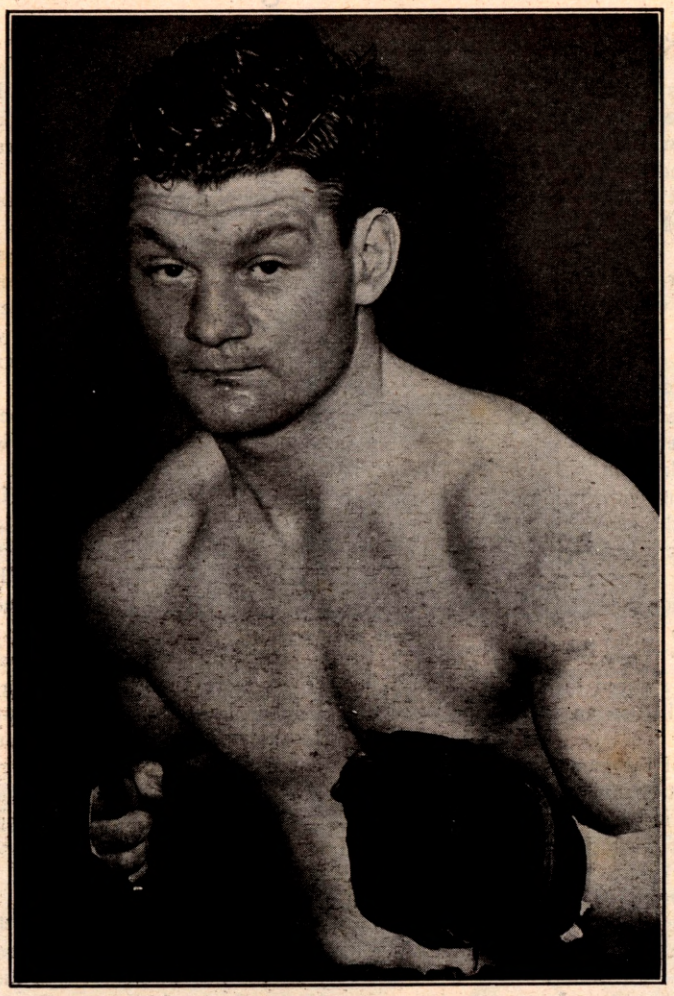
American fighters who made the trip to Australia included Rudy Cruz, Cecil Schoonmaker, Harold Dade and Jimmy Carter. A flock of Frenchmen also made their way to the Land Down Under, and in turn Australia sent to England such fighters as Dave Sands, Eddie Miller, Mickey Tollis and Harry Hayes.

A number of South African boxers made trips to Britain and in turn several Britishers made the trek to the land of the Springbok.

That the caliber of boxing has made advances throughout the world can be seen from the January ratings of THE RING Magazine. Of the eighty fighters who are ranked, 36 of them, or 45%, are non-American, and two of the seven world-recognized champions are foreigners.

This is one of the healthiest signs that boxing can show, for with the inter-country exchange of top-ranking fighters, interest will be awakened both here and abroad in the game.

International boxing owes much to Jack Solomons for the pace he has set in this field.



Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight champion, who is billed to fight Lee Savold in a heavyweight elimination bout in London on May 6.

IN this age of rocket engines and fast ships the records made by boxing's globe trotters of old seem to be in jeopardy. An unusual twist to continent-hopping happened on several occasions during 1949 when fighters traveled the long distance for a fight and came back without a purse.

Dutch veteran Bep van Klaveren, married to an Australian girl, traveled to the Land Down Under to set up a home for his family and start his boxing career anew. But the housing shortage doesn't alone apply to New York City and Van Klaveren, unable to get suitable quarters for his family, decided to return to his Dutch homeland, half-way across the world—without even lacing on a glove!

Lee Savold, focal point of the much discussed heavyweight situation, traveled to London for his battle with Bruce Woodcock for the British version of the world title early this year and after the first postponement, came home.

Again he went to London and this time Woodcock was injured, practically on the eve of battle, thus necessitating another delay. With the bout now set for May, Savold has returned to the States. New York to London to New York to London to New York without a fight!

Just before the turn of the year Rocky Graziano engaged in an off-again-on-again bout with Fred Apostoli which never did take place. Rocky, scheduled to fight the former bellhop on the Coast, left New York, arrived in the Golden State, started training, and then made a sudden disappearance and turned up in New York "homesick."

Another fightless flight took place when German heavyweight Hein ten Hoff arrived in this country for a series of bouts. Because of a strong boycott Ten Hoff never was even able to get a fighter's license and returned to Germany a dejected man.

WHAT has become of the little men in this country? The bantamweights and flyweights, once divisions that were highly regarded and popular in the States, now lay completely dormant here.

Aside from Manuel Ortiz, who has held the world title since 1942 except for two months in 1947 and who is rarely seen in the East, only one American fighter is rated in the two lightest divisions.

Recently Reuben Smith, Los Angeles, moved himself into tenth position among the bantams on the strength of his knockout over David Kui Kong Young. Otherwise, the two divisions are populated for the most part by British Empire and Continental European fighters.

A NUMBER of outstanding fighters announced their retirement during the year, several of them after they had assayed comebacks.

The list was headed by the end of the long reign of the heavyweight champion. Joe (Is I Is or Is I Ain't) Louis is, as this goes to press, engaging in a series of ten-round exhibition bouts which might be the first step in an attempt to regain the crown he cast aside earlier in the year.

Tony Zale, reluctant to admit he was through after losing his world middleweight title to Marcel Cerdan in September, 1948, has now definitely hung up his gloves, a wise move on his part.

Gus Lesnevich, who dropped his light-heavyweight crown to Freddie Mills in 1948 and who this year was on the short end of a decision in his bout with Joey Maxim for the synthetic American 175-pound title and was later stopped by Ezzard Charles in a bid for the N.B.A. heavyweight crown, was another former champion who finally conceded that the years had caught up with him.

Jackie Paterson, ex-flyweight titleholder, after losing the last of his British titles, decided it was time to stop.

Tami Mauriello, slow, flabby and stopped by Cesar Brion, called it quits, as did Pete Mead after he was injured in his bout with Randy Turpin. Other perennials who finally called a halt were Kid Azteca, Arturo Godoy, Fritzie Zivic (again?), Billy Conn, Fred Apostoli and Max Schmeling.

Incidentally, two comebacks which were halted before they started were that of Max Baer and Marty Servo. Baer, after verbally throwing his hat into the ring changed his mind and decided to try his hand at wrestling. Servo, after working out for several weeks to get back into shape, thought better of it and dropped his comeback plans.

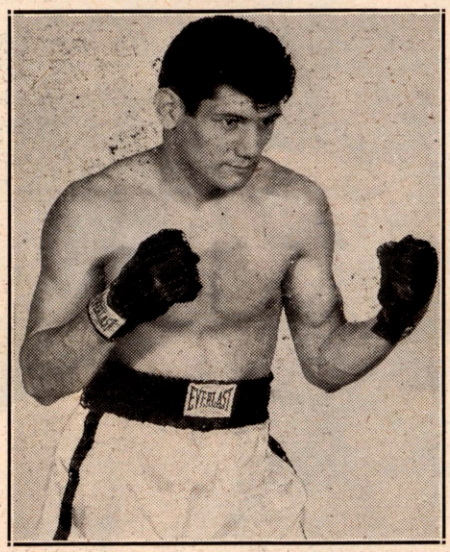
BROTHER acts of late have known more than a fair bit of success, thanks to the families Sands, Turpin, Docusen, Famechon and Flanagan.

But it took the three obscure Regan brothers of County Mayo, Eire, to add an unusual note. On May 30, Timothy, Paddy and Sean all made their American debuts at the Page Arena, New Bedford, Mass. Timothy kayoed Phil Roderique in three rounds, Paddy stopped Warren Berquist in two, but Sean lost a six-round decision to—naturally, Warren's brother, Bob Berquist.

The four Buxton brothers of Watford, England, recently went the Regans one better when they all appeared on the same card

in their home town, chalking up three knockouts and one decision.

Middleweight Alex kayoed Des Jones in the fourth, welterweight Laurie (who campaigned extensively around New York a couple of years ago) stopped Reg Quinlan in the third, lightweight Allan stopped Bobby Baines in three, and light-heavyweight Joe (coming out of retirement for the occasion) took a four-round decision from Johnny McMurdie, who is one of four fighting brothers.



Johnny "Sonny" Luciano of New York, who scored the greatest number of knockouts this year.

TRAGEDY struck down two outstanding fighters during the year. Marcel Cerdan, former middleweight champion, returning to New York from Paris for his scheduled title bout with Jake LaMotta, was killed when the airplane in which he was riding crashed in the Azores on October 28.

Vince Foster, the erratic Bible-reading welterweight, who blazed to glory with a sensational knockout over Tony Pellone in January and then was stopped by Charley Fusari in less than a round in May, was killed in an automobile accident near Pipestone, Minn., July 18.

The final bell tolled for many of the game's outstanding men, including former light-heavyweight champion, Battling Levinsky, and ex-middleweight titleholder, Vince Dundee.

Fighters who were counted out were Johnny K. O. Eggers, Dodo Jackson, Frank Laurette, Willie Lewis, Eddie Marino, Petey Mack, Richie Mitchell, Owen Moran, Pedlar Palmer, Carlos (Indian) Quintana, Jim Savage, Harry Sharpe, Johnny Solsberg, Young Nitchie, Jack Brady, Eddie Rocap and Leonard (Young) Zazzarino.

Promoters, managers, trainers and referees who left the arena were Lou Baumann, Jim Buckley, Billy Campbell, Dick Curley, Jimmy Dougherty, Johnny Dougherty, Floyd Fitzsimmons, Charles Gleason, Chick Johnson, Jo Longman, Guy Roux, Jack Singer, Joe Smith, Gene Vinassa, Billy West, Ernie Williams, Hymie Caplin and Tom McArdle.

THOUGH there were a record eighteen deaths of fighters in the ring throughout the world in 1949, there were only three boxers who died from injuries in professional bouts in the United States. The other four fatalities in America were amateurs or professionals in training.

The remainder of the breakdown was as follows: Algeria, two professionals; Hawaii, one professional; Germany, one amateur; Singapore, one professional; Australia, one professional; Mexico, two professionals, and Italy, one amateur.

THE quickest knockout of the year, and the fastest on record for a heavyweight bout, saw Eddie Vann, young British fighter, on November 15 in London, finish George Stern in 12 seconds, including the ten second count. Vann rushed out of his corner at the start and landed a right to the jaw. Stern went down and was counted out.

In another short one, in March at the Palais des Sports, Paris, Emmanuel Clavel stopped Pierre LeMentec in fourteen seconds of the first round.

The British Empire middleweight title again changed hands in less than a round. In the last two years it has gone from a New Zealander to an Englishman to an Australian in the short space of five minutes and forty seconds of fighting.

On May 18, 1948, Bos Murphy, holder of the title, was stopped by Dick Turpin at Coventry in two minutes, 55 seconds of the first. Turpin, in turn, on September 6 of this year, was stopped by Dave Sands in London in 10 seconds less—two minutes, 45 seconds.

THOUGH a number of fighters, advanced in years, finally conceded to age, some still carry on. Jersey Joe Walcott, holding his rating as a top contender, started his career in 1930 and in 1949 became a twenty-year man.

Phil Zwick, still active, is the oldest fighter in point of service and age. Zwick, born in 1905, has been campaigning 25 years.

And over in Europe, Michel Palermo, who fought in the States in the mid-thirties as Kid Frattini, though now 38 years old and boxing for 19 years, has been nominated with Carlo Mola to fight for the Italian welterweight title vacated by Fernando Janilli.

Palermo, or Frattini, has been either holding or fighting for that crown almost since he began his career. Since 1932 he has thrice lost in challenges for the title, won it three times, lost it three times and defended it successfully twice. Now he is starting all over!

FOUR of the world champions (including Ezzard Charles, N.B.A. heavyweight titleholder) went through the year with unbeaten records. The others were Freddie Mills, Ray Robinson and Willie Pep.

Jake LaMotta, Ike Williams, Manuel Ortiz and Rinty Monaghan all had at least one loss registered against them. An undefeated year is an accomplishment, even for a champ.

Due to the deadline for this annual issue, the records used in this article are based on compilations up to December 15. In many cases the fighters mentioned have concluded their activities for the year.

AMONG the rated and outstanding fighters, only 33 were able to go through the year without a loss.

In the heavyweight ranks there were Roland LaStarza, New York; Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.; Lee Oma, Detroit; Kid Riviera, St. Louis, and Bruce Woodcock, England.

Only one outstanding light-heavyweight, Albert Yvel, Algeria, came through unscathed.

The middleweights were George Angelo, South Africa; Jose Basora, Puerto Rico; Walter Cartier, New York; Len Dittmar, Australia; Harold Green, Brooklyn; Carl (Bobo) Olson, Hawaii, and Randy Turpin, England.

Six welterweights are included in the list—George Costner, Cincinnati; Jesse Flores, Stockton; Harry Hayes, Australia; Pat Patrick, South Africa; Eddie Thomas, South Wales, and Mickey Tollis, Australia.

The lightweight group includes Roger Baour, France; Solly Cantor, Toronto; Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles; Del Flanagan, St. Paul; Norman Gent, Australia; Jose Gatica, Argentina, and Arthur King, Toronto.

Two featherweights, Henry Davis, Hawaii, and Corky Davis, Denver, made the grade.

Luis Galvani, Cuba, and Vic Toweel, South Africa, rate the honors in the bantamweight group.

Three flyweights, Peter Keenan, Scotland; Honore Pratesi, France, and Jan Sneyers, Belgium, round out the unbeaten class.

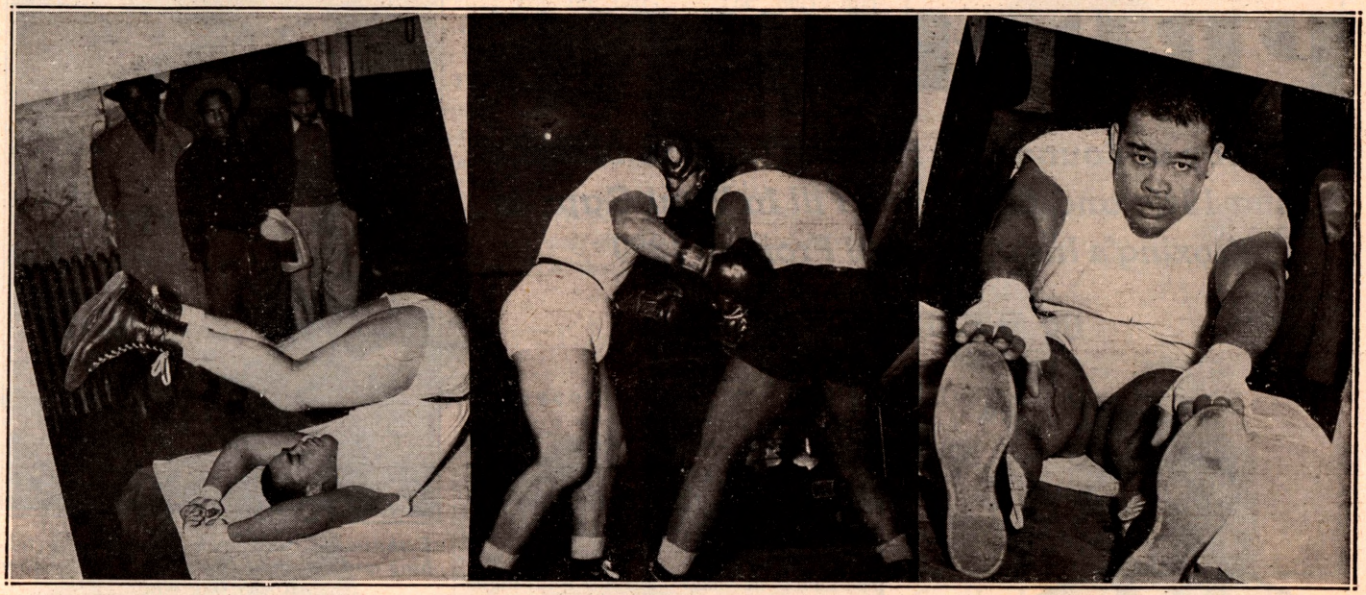
THE most knockouts for the year were scored by a youngster, Johnny (Sonny) Luciano, Paterson, N. J., welterweight, in his first year as a pro. Undefeated in 30 bouts, he scored 18 kayoes.

Next in line is British heavyweight prospect, Jack Gardner, with an impressive 14 to his credit. Gardner, in his first professional start, on December 6, 1948, took on three opponents in a novice tournament and scored three one-round knockouts.

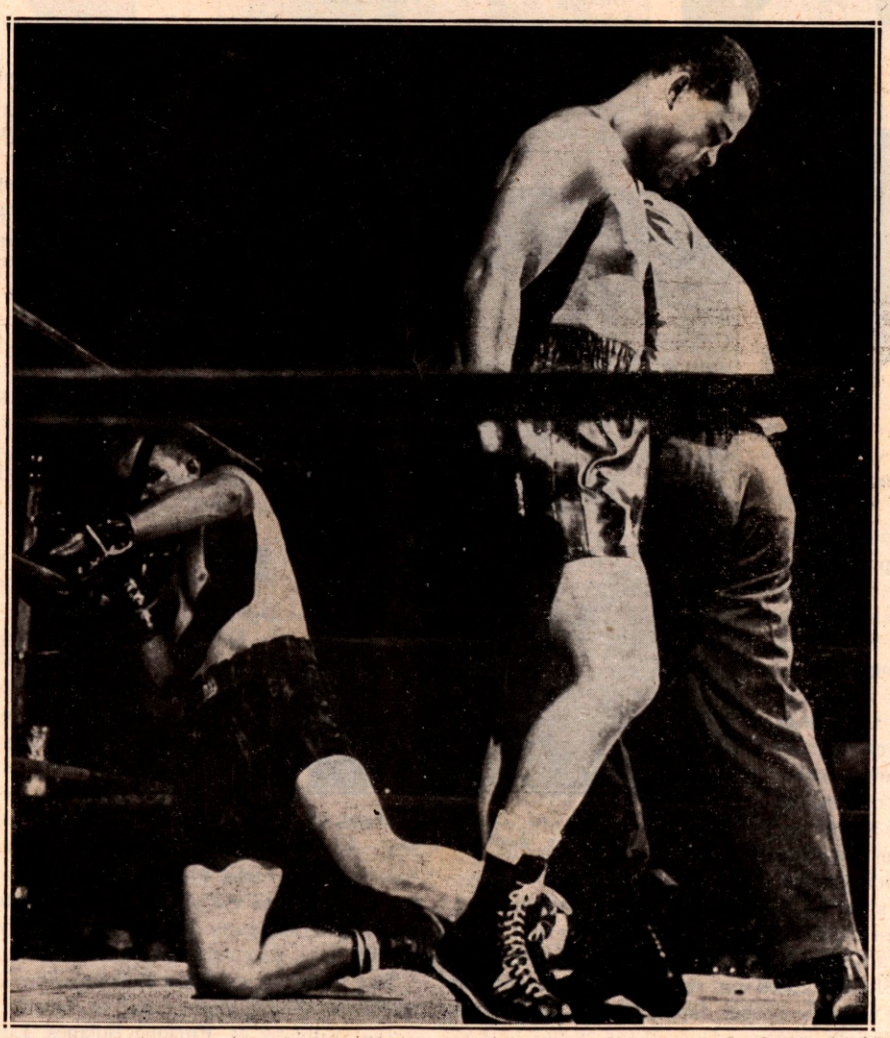
Bob Murphy, San Diego, who is looking for a shot at Ezzard Charles' N.B.A. title, also came through with 14 abbreviated contests. Pat Byers, Kannapolis, Pa., middleweight; Rex Layne, Los Angeles, heavyweight, and Bob Stecher, Portland, Me., middleweight, each scored 12 knockouts.

Dick Langley, Peckham, England, *(Continued on page 39)*

That Ol' Feelin'!



Joe Louis, never the most ardent of training addicts, goes all out in preparation for his ten-round no-decision exhibitions. Here we see him going through the grind in an effort to pare off excess weight that has carried him up to the 230 mark, far beyond the streamlined 200-pounder fans knew in his championship days. Left to right, Louis is seen doing an abdominal regional muscle exercise; Louis (left) sweating off poundage in a sparring session; another stomach strengthening exercise, which hardens the muscles.

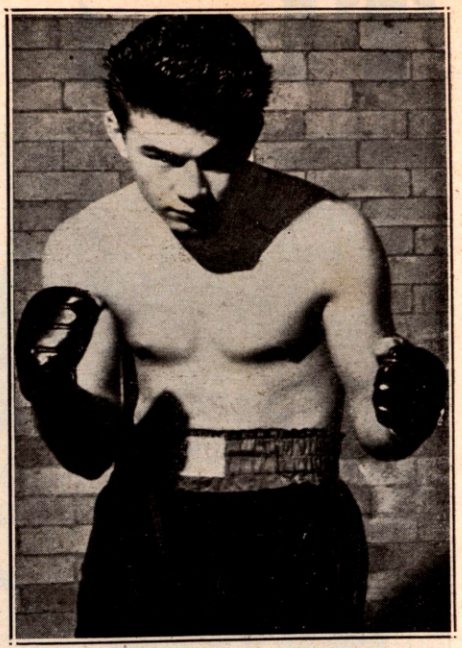


Louis makes his first stop of the countrywide tour in Boston before 8,471 persons. He is seen walking to his corner while his opponent, Johnny Shkor, climbs wearily to his feet after the ex-champion dropped him in the third round. Louis dropped Shkor three times but was reluctant to finish him. The "champ" said, "Sure I'd of knocked him out but this was just an exhibition."

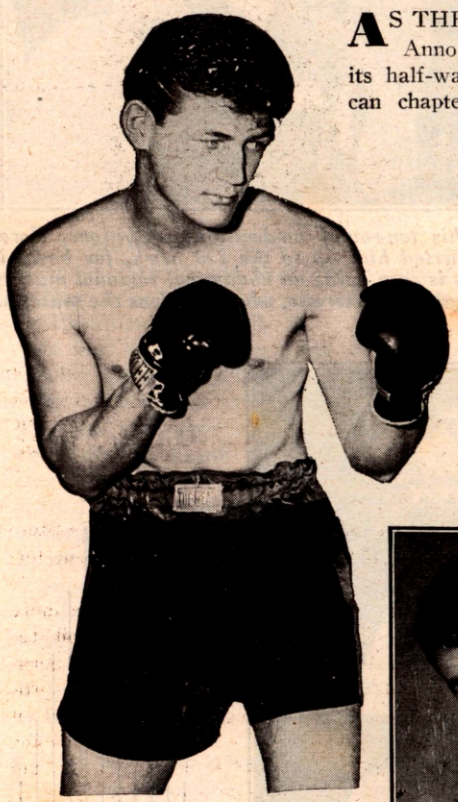
NEW FACES PROMISING

Fine Crop of Youngsters Flashed Into Prominence During 1949, and They May Fill in Vital Gaps on Boxing's International Front in 1950

By JERSEY JONES



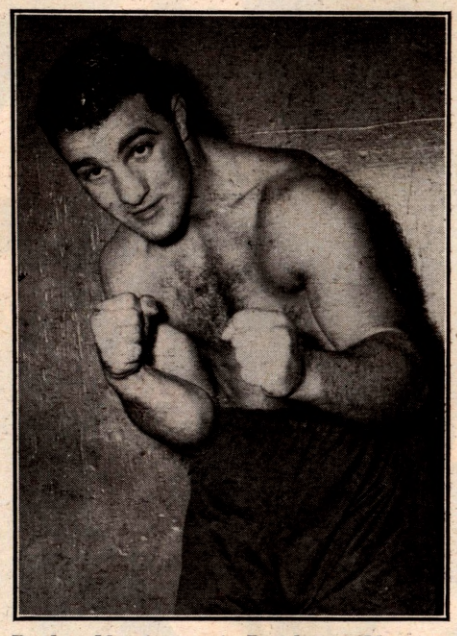
Enthusiastic New York followers are tabbing middleweight Jimmy Flood as another Rocky Graziano.



George Kaplan of Brooklyn is a youngster with a lot of natural ring savvy.

AS THE Twentieth Century, Anno Domini, moves into its half-way mark, the American chapter of the fistic fraternity finds itself confronted by one of the most crucial periods it has known since the knuckle-dusting trade became Big Business.

Boxing is in a mighty precarious state of artistic and financial health at the moment. Three years ago it was estimated that some 750 professional clubs were operating regularly, and generally successfully, throughout the United States, but at this writing, it is doubtful that more than 300, if that many, are functioning, and the total continues to dwindle with every passing month. Divers and sundry have been the reasons offered for the steady decline in attendance and receipts. The main cause has been paucity of outstanding talent.



Rocky Marciano of Brockton, Mass., a promising heavyweight.

There has been no apparent falling-off in the public's interest in boxing. That interest seems to be as keen as it ever was. Give Gus Q. Fan what he wants, and he'll turn out in person—television or no. This was amply evidenced on several occasions during 1949 when attractions with the proper "appeal" set new all-time records in various American centers.

THE Ezzard Charles-Pat Valentino affair in San Francisco established two new marks for California. It drew the largest indoor crowd in the state's long, colorful ring history, and the receipts topped all previous boxing figures for a California production.

Four up-state New York communities reported new all-time local highs—Rochester with Joey DeJohn and Pete Mead, Syracuse with DeJohn and Lee Sala, Binghamton with Sala and Joe Taylor, and Schenectady with Sala and Sandy Saddler in a double windup with fair opposition.

The Rocky Castellani-Tony Janiro outing in Scranton attracted the second largest gate in Scranton's boxing archives—topped only by the Mickey Walker-Pete Latzo brawl for the world welterweight title in 1926.

Our Canadian neighbors also checked in with a new set of figures compiled by Laurent Dauthuille and Johnny Greco, whose scrap in Montreal shattered all existing marks for a clouting carnival in the Dominion.

No, there has been no decline in the public's interest in boxing. But, unfortunately, these developments were the exceptions rather than the rule in 1949. The scarcity of outstanding talent made it difficult, if not impossible, for even the most alert, enterprising promoter to come up regularly with the sort of attractions he needed.

Taken by and large, the year was a discouraging one for the American sock market—and a disastrous one for many of the promoters who tried to operate.

DURING the entire year, only seven bouts staged throughout the United States grossed $100,000.

The top gate was the $246,546 drawn by Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott in their National Boxing Association heavyweight title bout in Chicago's Comiskey Park. The next best was the $177,128 reported for the Ray Robinson-Kid Gavilan outing in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium.

The others to reach the six-figure mark in receipts were:

Ezzard Charles vs. Pat Valentino, San Francisco, $167,870.

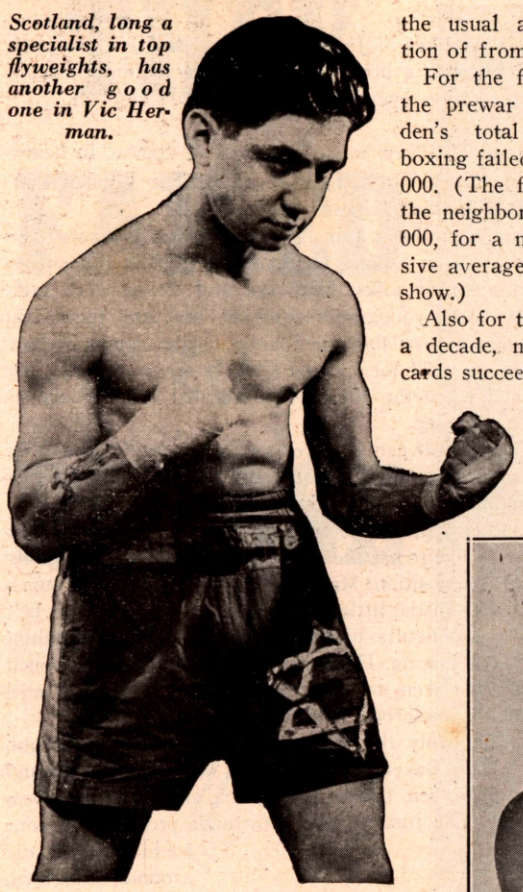
Jake LaMotta vs. Marcel Cerdan, Detroit, $159,762.

Rocky Graziano vs. Charley Fusari, New York (Polo Grounds), $135,117.

Ray Robinson vs. Steve Belloise, New York (Yankee Stadium), $120,860.

Ike Williams vs. Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, $108,298.

OFFICIAL statistics released by Madison Square Garden for its 1949 boxing activities are significant. Only 20 shows were staged during the year in the House that Tex Built, compared to



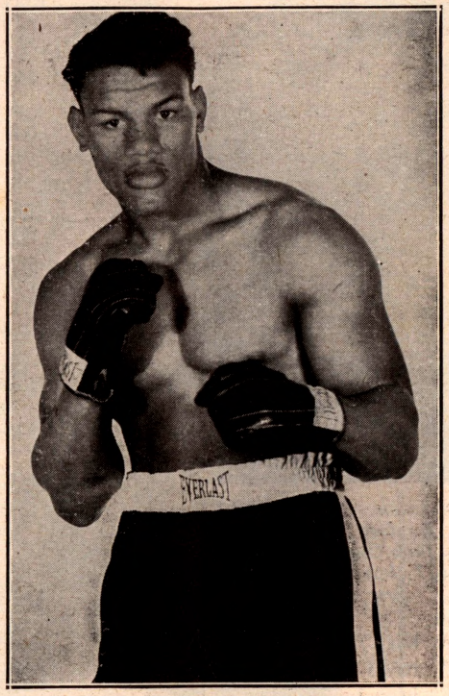
Scotland, long a specialist in top flyweights, has another good one in Vic Herman.

the usual annual production of from 28 to 32.

For the first year since the prewar era, the Garden's total receipts for boxing failed to hit $1,000,000. (The figures were in the neighborhood of $800,000, for a not too impressive average of $40,000 per show.)

Also for the first year in a decade, not one of the cards succeeded in drawing a gross of $100,000. The top mark was $95,865, set by Kid Gavilan and Ike Williams in the third and "rubber" chapter of their series. Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, in their encore meeting, earned second spot, with $87,563.

Such other major fistic centers as the Chicago Stadium, the Detroit Olympia, the Boston Garden, the Cleveland Arena and Philadelphia's Convention Hall made no effort to operate on regular schedules during the year. There weren't enough topline attractions available, so they promoted on a "spot-show" basis—as and when certain matches with local appeal materialized. It is doubtful if any of those arenas showed much in the way of financial profit for the year.



Joe Lindsay another young Brooklyn heavyweight prospect.

Many a club scattered around the landscape, which in lush times had been accustomed to drawing $4,000 to $5,000 as a regular thing, found itself doing business in 1949 on receipts of $1,000 and less. More than one instance was reported of gates hitting as low as $400.

And, as we remarked several paragraphs back, the main reason for it all was lack of talent. The paying populace couldn't work up the necessary enthusiasm for the generally poor quality of the cards offered.

WHAT will materialize in 1950 is something that remains to be seen. On the American scene, there is no heavyweight shaping up as a likely opponent for Ezzard Charles in a major promotion—unless, as seems likely, Joe Louis decides to stage a serious return to the ring.

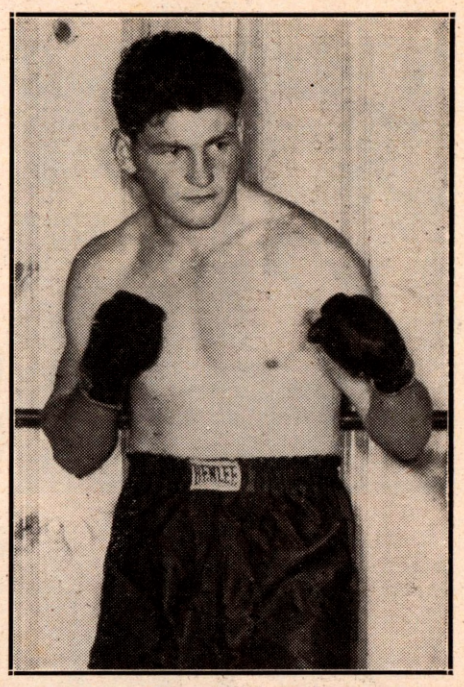
Our light-heavyweight class starts and stops with Joey Maxim and Archie Moore.

Welterweight Ray Robinson and Lightweight Ike Williams are one-man parades in their respective divisions.

The only big-time match available among featherweights is a third and payoff meeting of Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler.

So far as the United States is concerned, the bantamweight and flyweight classes are practically extinct.

The only division that offers any serious encouragement is the middleweight. Jake LaMotta and Rocky Graziano unquestionably would do big business, and Ray Robinson, moving up from his welterweight class to meet the LaMotta-Graziano winner, also would represent prolific box-office activity.



Considered one of America's best heavyweight prospects is Rex Layne of Utah.

There is an outside chance, of course, that some of the youngsters just beginning to attract attention may come along fast enough during 1950 to move into headline spots, and supply the "new blood" so vitally needed in the industry.

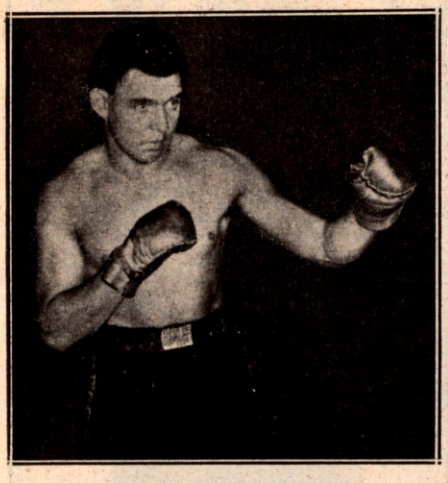
FOR one, there is Ross Virgo, a welterweight operating out of Rochester, N. Y.

Until he dropped a decision to the more experienced Lester Felton in Detroit recently, Virgo had been unbeaten in 19 bouts spread across less than 14 months of professional campaigning. And for a kid of his limited experience, he had whipped some pretty fair opposition. Among those he had beaten were Chester Rico, Ted Bussey, Dave Andrews, Johnny Kaufman, Cliff Hart, Al Hersh and Tony Pellone. Virgo definitely is worth tabbing.

An Irish southpaw, Bob Murphy of San Diego, also seems to be worth checking. Murphy is a light-heavyweight, and, from all accounts, packs a thunderous punch. Bob isn't exactly a freshman in the trade—he started tossing leather in 1945—but it wasn't until last year that folks beyond the environs of San Diego began to take heed of him, and he became a popular attraction in Los Angeles.

Murphy's record is loaded with knockouts—and there's nothing quite like the kayo wallop to excite the interest of the cash customers. As this is being written, the statistics credit Irish Bob with having flattened 36 of 43 opponents—and that's pretty fair clouting in any league. The young man hasn't stacked up against top opposition as yet, and his best performance probably was the four-round kayo he slipped over on the fading but cagey veteran, Lloyd Marshall, in Los Angeles.

A YOUNGSTER who may become another Rocky Graziano in box-office appeal is Irish Jimmy Flood, middleweight out of New York's Yorkville district. Flood has a lot to learn about boxing, but he has the sort of "exciting" style that made Graziano such a tremendous attraction. There's nothing fancy or flashy about Jimmy's modus operandi. He just walks in and whales away with both hands—and he hits with authority.



A brilliant boxer, Johnny Williams is one of England's brightest heavyweight prospects.

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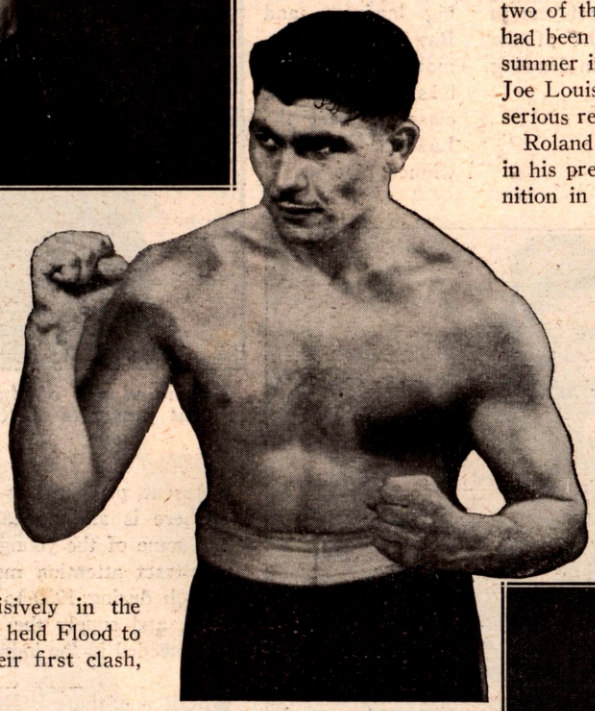
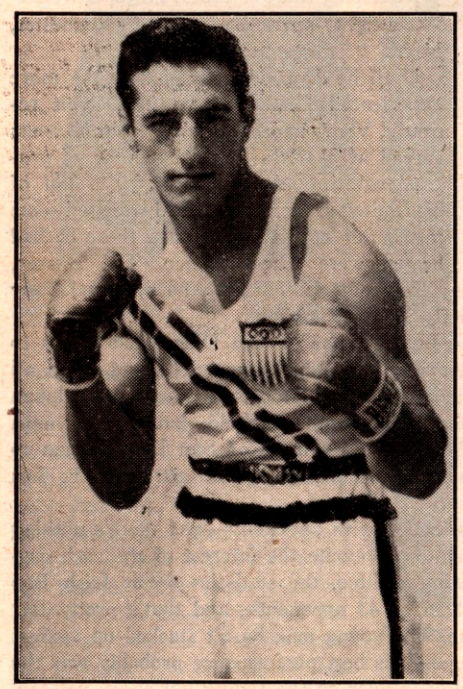


That Flood is improving steadily with experience is indicated by his series with Herbie Kronowitz in New York and George LaRover in Philadelphia. Held to a draw by Kronowitz in their first meeting, Flood came back to edge out Herbie in the second, and win decisively in the third. LaRover also held Flood to an even split in their first clash, but Jimmy flattened the veteran in a hurry when they met again.



Another promising English heavy is Jack Gardner, with 17 kayoes in his first 19 starts.

Two of the best young prospects in the nation are a pair of Ohio Negroes — welterweight Ron Delaney of Akron and lightweight Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati.

Fighting professionally less than two years, Delaney has already beaten such experienced campaigners as Eddie O'Neill, Willie Russell, Cecil Hudson and Tommy Bell. From all accounts, Delaney not only is a good boxer, but a stiff puncher. His record is well studded with knockouts.

Ross Virgo, Rochester, N. Y., middleweight, ran off 19 straight wins before suffering defeat.

Smith, the 1948 National amateur lightweight champion, has done well in his first year as a pro. Confining his activities exclusively to Cincinnati rings, Bud's earlier accomplishments included wins over the likes of Jesse Underwood and Joe Discepoli, and he capped his year's impressive record by coming through with a brilliant decision over the rated Tommy Campbell.

THE main hunt for "new talent" centers, of course, in heavyweights, but embryo Jack Dempseys and Joe Louises don't happen very often in this business.

The tugging-and-hauling affair between Roland LaStarza and Cesar Brion in Madison Square Garden recently was a keen disappointment to a lot of folks. LaStarza and Brion were rated two of the best of the younger crop of big 'uns, and there even had been talk that one or the other could be developed by next summer into an opponent for Ezzard Charles—even, possibly, for Joe Louis, if and when the old Bomber decided to announce his serious return to the ring.

Roland and Cesar still can be listed as "prospects," but neither, in his present form, can be considered seriously for major recognition in the more or less immediate future.

Rocky Marciano may be a possibility, but, first, we'd like to see the Brockton, Mass., slugger against real opposition. Marciano unquestionably can punch, but from the little we have seen of him so far, he'd have difficulty hitting anyone who knew anything about boxing. He fights out of an awkward crouch, doesn't seem to have much of a defense. He relies upon ponderous swings to win for him.

Probably the best of the younger heavyweights is Bob Baker, of Pittsburgh, who breezed through the Golden Gloves last year, and has since been breezing just as easily through professional competition in and around Smogtown. Baker is a smooth operator. He knows how to box, he knows how to punch, and he continues to improve with every start.

Bob Murphy, San Diego middleweight, has piled up sensational knockout record.

THE unwillingness of the other young heavyweights to meet them has put Joe Lindsay of Brooklyn and Maynard Jones of Wilmington, Del., in difficult spots. To get any sort of action, they've had to fight opponents who rate above them in the fistic scales. But they've done pretty well for themselves, all things considered. During 1949, Lindsay split a pair of decisions with the dangerous Omelio Agramonte, winning in Philadelphia, and losing in New York, and he also whipped Dusty Wilkerson twice in Philadelphia. The 21-year-old Jones, former All-Navy champion, had to fight such seasoned opposition as Joe Baksi in Newark, Abel Cestac in Baltimore and Arturo Godoy in Wilmington, and it was tough going for a kid of his limited experience.

It would be interesting to see what Lindsay and Jones could do with the LaStarzas, Brions and Marcianos, but there isn't much likelihood of any such matches materializing.

One of the finest young heavyweight prospects we have seen in some time is Georgie Kaplan of Brooklyn. He seems to have a lot of natural ring savvy. He moves *(Continued on page 40)*

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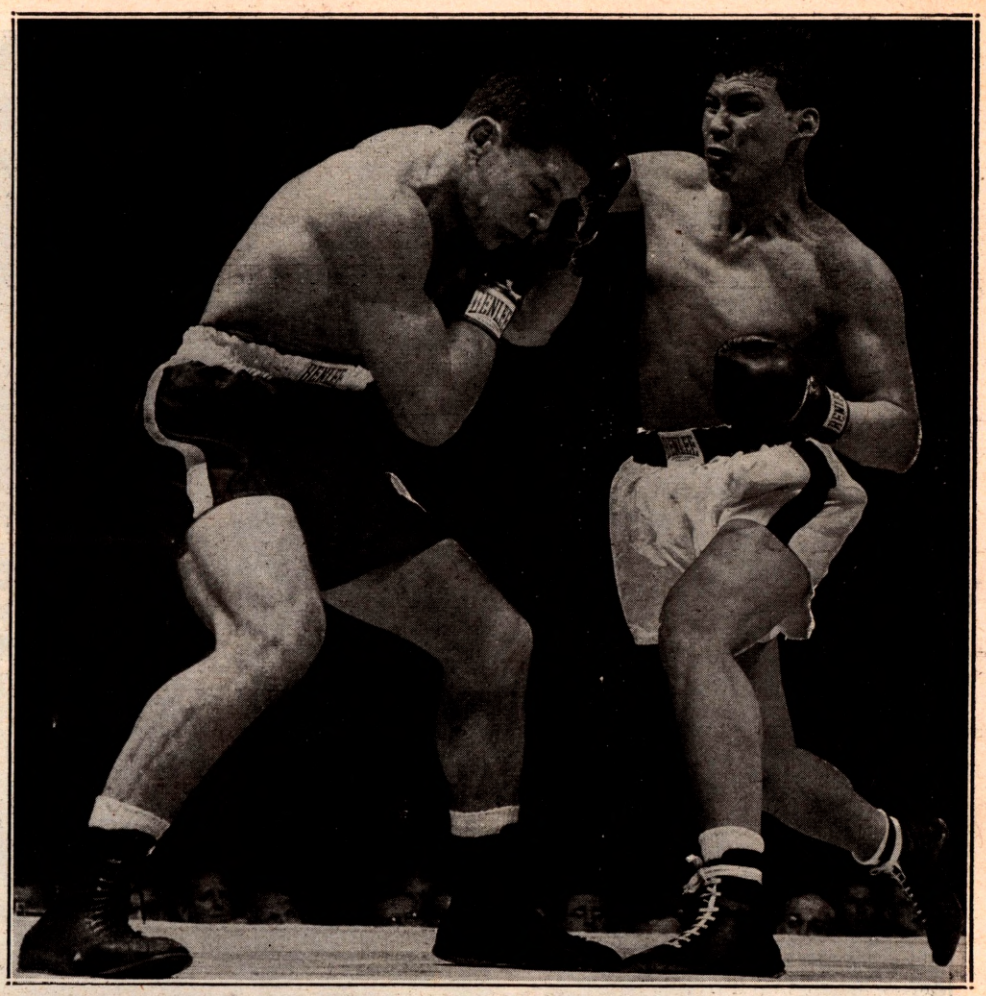
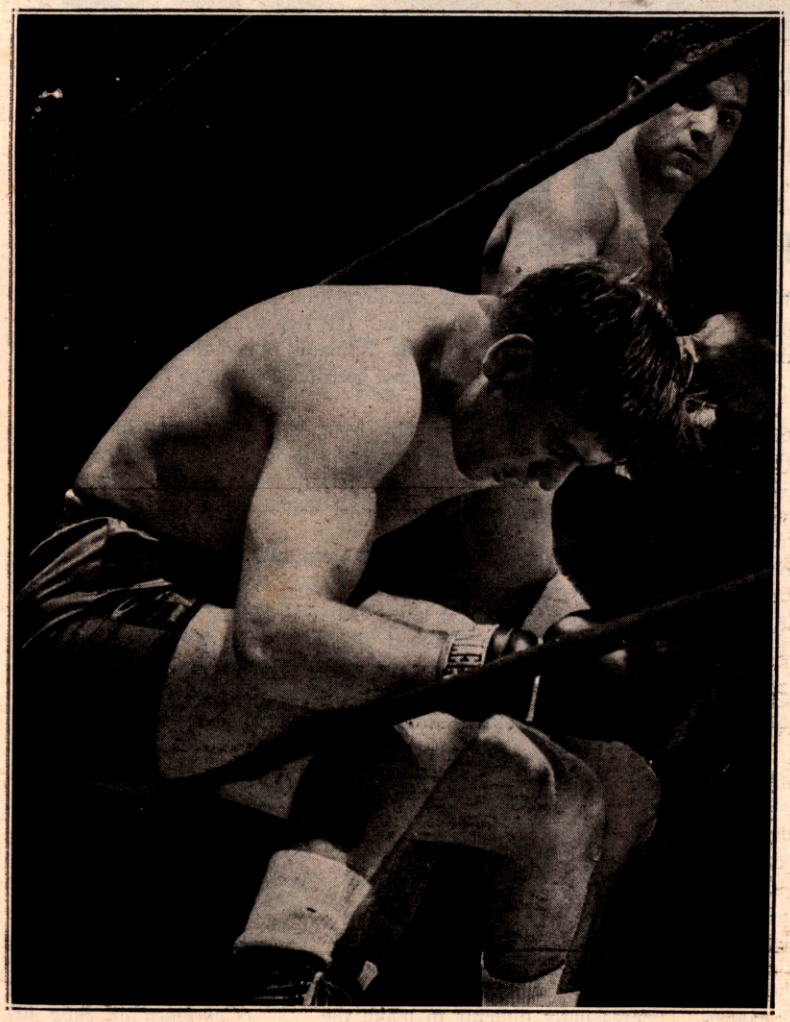
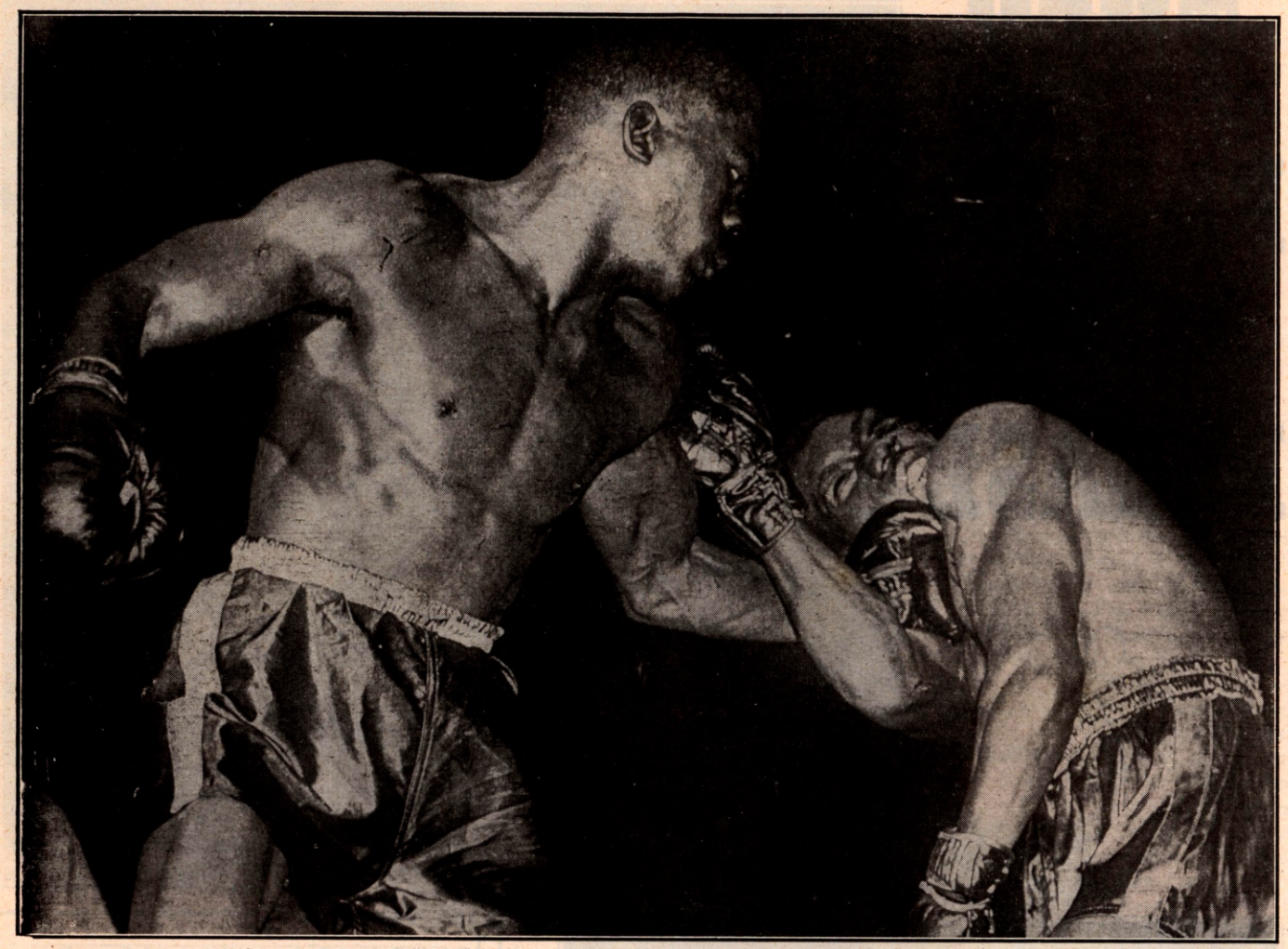


When Roland LaStarza (left) and Cesar Brion of Argentina were matched for an appearance in Madison Square Garden, the fans figured that they would see the two best developments among the young heavyweights shoot the works to prove their right to recognition as top men in their class. But they proved a dud. Neither showed enough to warrant the praise that has been showered on them. Just ordinary—was the verdict of the spectators.



Rocky Marciano, the third member of the group of newcomers among the heavyweights who has gained national attention by piling up many victories, scored another "kayo" when he stopped Pat Richards of Columbus, Ohio, but that victory gained him nothing. Pat was a push-over, imported just to add to Marciano's list of "victims." Al Weill shouldn't feed his fighter, a good prospect, with such poor talent.



A left to the jaw causes Freddie Dawson to take this awkward position in the fourteenth round of his title fight with Ike Williams (left). Ike gained the unanimous decision and retained his lightweight crown.

IKE RETAINS TITLE

By JERSEY JONES

THAT Ike Williams still is lightweight champion of the world can be attributed not so much to any outstanding exhibition on the part of the sleek Trentonian, but to overcautious, defensive tactics employed by Freddie Dawson in their 15-round meeting for the title in Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

Dawson should have won—and he probably would have, had he displayed even a faint trace of aggressiveness in the early rounds. Freddie was faster than Ike, a better and more diversified boxer, and when he did open up he outfought the champion.

Freddie finished fast, and gave Williams quite a cuffing-around in the closing frames, but he started his drive too late to overcome the big lead he permitted Williams to pile up during the first half.

Though the decision in Ike's favor was unanimous, his margin was close. Both judges, Frank Karnsborough and Harry Lasky, came up with identical scores—8-7 for Williams. The referee, Charley Daggert, was a bit more generous to Ike, favoring him with a 9-6 count. On our tab, we had Williams in front, 7-6, with two rounds even.

The bout hardly was one that posterity will record among the ring's all-time thrillers. It was marred by too much back-pedaling by Dawson and too much tugging and hauling by both. For a challenger bidding for a world title, Dawson's performance was a disappointing one. And for a champion defending that title, Williams' showing hardly would cause the mortal remains of Benny Leonard to do any turning over in their final resting place.

THE fact that it was Dawson's first effort over 15 rounds may have been something of a mental hazard to the Chicagoan. Then, again, it was the first time in two years that Freddie had been required to "make" the lightweight limit, 135 pounds. (He came in at 134, while Williams tipped the beam exactly at 135.) Dawson may not have been too certain of his strength and stamina at that figure.

Another factor that may have played its part in Dawson's cautious routine was the use of six-ounce gloves instead of the more padded eight-ouncers generally used in Pennsylvania.

Whatever the cause, or causes, Dawson did very little fighting for six rounds. He operated strictly on the defensive, apparently on the moss-covered theory that discretion at times can well be the better part of valor. At long range, Freddie relied upon speed and cleverness to stay away from Williams' dangerous fists. In close quarters, he clutched Ike so tightly with both arms that the champion had little opportunity to score effectively.

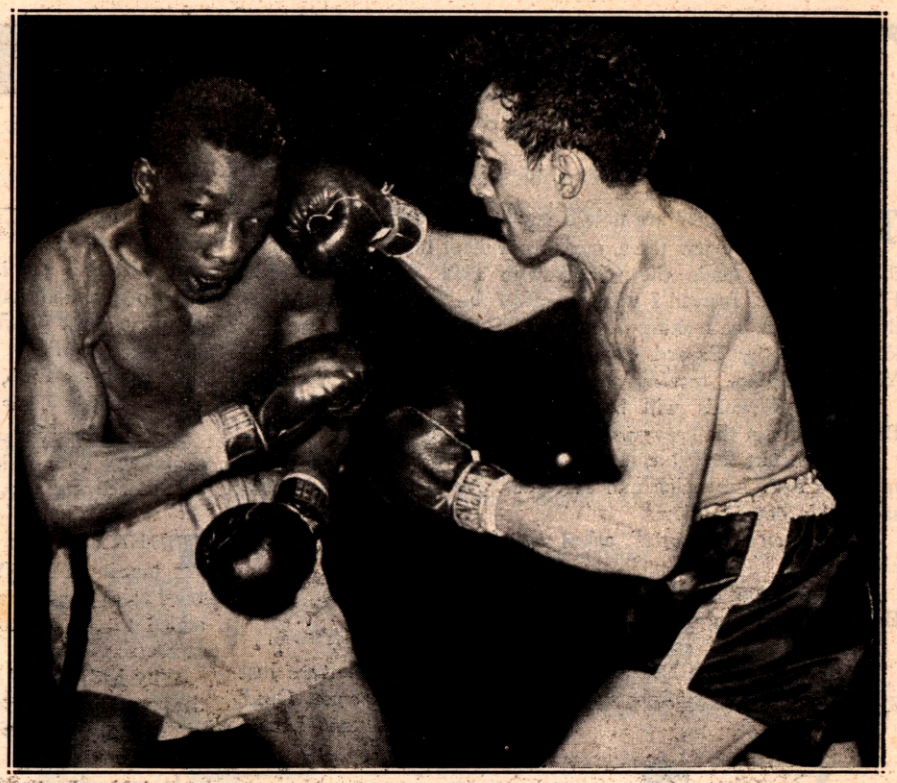
Williams fought—or tried to fight—along his familiar, aggressive lines, but found Dawson an elusive target to hit solidly. Ike, however, did succeed in getting across an occasional left jab at long range, and he put enough of those jabs together to give him a sizable, if not impressive, point lead by the end of the sixth.

MAKING all due allowances for the spoiling tactics of his opponent, Williams' performance hardly measured up to its usual standard, and folks in the press section gathered the impression that Ike, like the old gray mare, ain't what he used to be. His work seemed to lack its one-time fire and dash.

Perhaps, as reports have it, Williams has been finding it increasingly difficult to make the *(Continued on page 40)*

PEP STAR *in* FIGHT *of the* YEAR

By NAT LOUBET



It's the Fight of the Year! Here we see Pep landing with a hard right to Saddler's head. Note cuts around both fighters' eyes.

BOXING'S most dramatic fight of 1949 took place in New York's Madison Square Garden on February 11. It was a thriller between Willie Pep, former world featherweight champ, and the man who relieved him of the crown, Sandy Saddler. The hatchet-faced Italian from Hartford, Conn., amazed a throng of 19,097 by regaining the championship in fifteen torrid rounds. So keen was the interest in the fight that a new high for a world featherweight championship contest was recorded, with a $87,563 gross. In a previous affair, on October 29, 1948, the Nutmeg Flash was knocked out in the fourth round and lost the championship.

A careful screening of thousands of professional bouts held during the past year failed to bring out any contest that could match this epic battle for thrills. In consequence, the Saddler-Pep return engagement has been designated by THE RING as "The Fight of the Year."

It was a contest that had everything the fight fan could desire—clever maneuvering, hard hitting, and even gory manifestations, without which a fight is meaningless to so many of the fans.

Those who crowded into the House that Tex Built expected a sensational fight and were not disappointed. They saw a former champion, burdened with advancing years after a long and busy career, stand up and fight like a youngster.

Pep's four-round kayo by Saddler had led many to believe that the Pep of old was gone. They also saw Saddler, the new champion, who, as an underdog a few months before, had scored a stunning victory over this same Pep.

THE odds on the contest at ring time were 6-5, take your pick, but the wise heads picked Saddler and blamed the even-steven odds on the sentimentality of Pep fans, going all out to back their idol.

From the opening gong through the fifteen action-packed rounds, there was not a moment that wasn't filled with suspense and drama. Both fighters left the ring, blood smeared faces a mass of punch-puffed lumps that left no doubt as to the punishment they had absorbed and dished out.

Pep was once again the featherweight king, but he knew he had been in a real scrap. The fight put up by Saddler was such as to make a return between these two one of the standout attractions for 1950.

The lad from Hartford had eleven stitches sewed into his face and around his eyes and Saddler required seven.

The first round set the pattern for the fight. Pep, using every trick in his repertoire, moved rapidly. He spun Saddler from side to side as the Negro attempted to land with his most potent weapon, a left hook to the head and body, the latter thrown in close while holding with his right.

It was this technique that Saddler had used so successfully to win the crown. But as the bout progressed, it became evident that this strategy could not be executed.

Willie outgeneralled Saddler. Pep moved in and out, hooked with his left, jammed three and four times before the slower Saddler could move out of range. Willie ducked under Sandy's guard to maul and push him off balance and then, when set up, moved with his speed of old, launching a two-fisted bombardment that bewildered the champ.

Saddler was the aggressor throughout the entire fight. He stalked Pep, attempting to move in close where he could land his vaunted body blows. Now and then he'd corner the elusive Old Master and in the exchanges that followed Pep took a great deal of punishment. But Saddler was unable to land hard enough or often enough to swing the course of the battle.

At the end it was a victorious Pep who left the ring, but of the two, Willie had suffered more physically.

At the two-thirds mark, although Saddler had been moving into Pep, Sandy was far behind the challenger on points.

The fans were as breathless as the contestants at this stage of the bout. The struggle had been a two-fisted slaughter with neither fighter asking nor giving quarter. It was only the vast assortment of tricks that Willie pulled out of his bag that kept him from being tagged.

THE tenth saw Saddler break through Pep's defense and nail him with a terrific right to the chin. Pep's legs sagged, his eyes became glassy. He was a tired fighter.

Saddler was in at his foe like a tiger and he chopped away with both hands in an endeavor to end it all.

But Pep still had his main asset—the knowledge that he had amassed over years of successful boxing—ring savvy. That came to his aid now as he covered, back pedalled, and fought his way out of danger.

In the next three rounds, Pep came back strong while Saddler tired. And so the battle see-sawed.

In the last two rounds Saddler ripped Pep with savage rights and lefts to the body and head and it appeared that the challenger would go down. But his fighting heart and keen brain got Willie through those last two sessions.

The final round was a sight that had the entire gathering on its feet for three solid minutes. Saddler, realizing that his one chance for victory now lay in knocking out his challenger, threw caution to the winds. He piled into Pep with everything he had.

Lefts and rights smothered Willie and he was on the verge of sinking to the canvas a number. *(Continued on page 47)*

THINGS *to* REMEMBER

By AL BUCK

THE fights of 1949 are now a matter of record. It is not my purpose to review them, nor to comment on the rankings of the men who made the record with their fists. That's Nat Fleischer's job. Instead I want to recall the little personal things that went into the making of the record. Such as Gus Lesnevich, knocked out by Ezzard Charles on a hot sultry night in the Yankee Stadium, turning to reporters and saying:

"Bernie Reynolds will be the next heavyweight champion. Bernie will win the heavyweight title from Charles."

The reporters looked at one another and then at Joe Vella, who manages both Lesnevich and Reynolds. Joe shook his head and said: "He doesn't know."

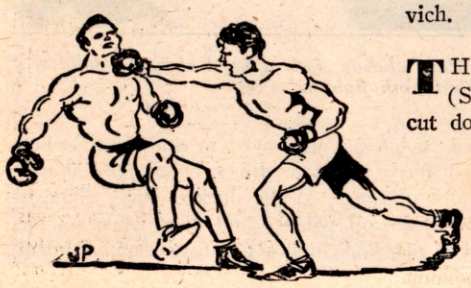
"What don't I know?" asked the former light-heavyweight king.

"Reynolds was knocked out, too, Gus," answered Vella. "Cesar Brion knocked him out in eight rounds."

"You told me—" said the confused Lesnevich.

"I told you Bernie had won," admitted Vella. "You were just going into the ring to fight and I didn't want to upset you, Gus."

"Too bad," said Lesnevich.



THE night Ray (Sugar) Robinson cut down Steve Belloise, Bronx middleweight, and Eddie Walker, Steve's manager, refused to let him continue, will be remembered, too. Especially the unscheduled battle between Walker and Mike Belloise, one-time featherweight champion, in the corner after everything was over. That one took place at the Yankee Stadium, too.

Accounts of what was said and what was done differ slightly, but Mike seems to have thought Steve should have been allowed to continue. Walker took a punch at Mike, and friends broke it up at the ringside. Back in the dressing room Steve Belloise gave his manager a vote of confidence.

"Eddie Walker is my manager and my friend and anything he did is all right with me," Steve Belloise told reporters.

Mike Belloise wrote me a letter saying his friends had held him, and even though he was an ex-champion, he could still lick a manager. Maybe so.

BEATEN by Kid Gavilan in the Montreal Forum, Laurent Dauthuille, French middleweight, stood in the center of the ring and cried. It had been a close fight, but—

"I did not want to go back to France with a defeat," sobbed Dauthuille.

His words recalled those of another Frenchman, the gallant Marcel Cerdan, who had said: "I will win or I shall die." He was flying to fight Jake LaMotta for the world middleweight championship when as you know the plane crashed. And so the second LaMotta-Cerdan fight was never written in the record.

ON the night the Cincinnati Garden opened, Ezzard Charles defeated Joey Maxim. After the fight Sol Strauss, then the active head of the 20th Century S. C., approached Charles and was told:

"I'm ready to fight Louis."

"Get him Louis," said Charles' manager, Jake Mintz, with tongue in cheek.

Charles and Mintz knew and so did Jersey Joe Walcott, who witnessed the Charles-Maxim fight, that Strauss couldn't produce Louis. It wasn't until the next day when with Harry Markson, he had hurried to the Cincinnati Airport to fly to Miami, that Strauss got the bad news.

A telephone call informed Sol that Louis had made his retirement official and that the National Boxing Association would recognize a fight between Charles and Walcott as for the "world heavyweight title." Furthermore, Louis, and not the 20th Century Sporting Club, would be the promoter. Thus the International Boxing Club was born.

Nevertheless Strauss and Markson flew to Miami for a futile conference with Mike Jacobs, their ailing boss. And Mike said:

"I'm retiring, too."

THEN came the Louis press conference at Toots Shor's restaurant in New York City. The old champion, turned promoter, tried to explain his new position. Newsreel and television cameras added to the confusion. Radio microphones were thrust in his face.

Why had he told them he was going to fight again was what the reporters wanted to know.

"To do a favor for Sol Strauss," was the retired champion's lame answer.

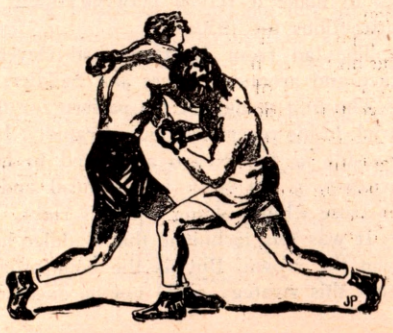
It was obvious to all that this phase of boxing was new to Louis. He had new associates—Jim Norris and Arthur Wirtz. Eventually they were to buy out Mike Jacobs and also the Tournament of Champions, join with the Garden in a promotional cartel that includes Madison Square Garden, the Detroit Olympia, the Chicago Stadium and other arenas owned by the Norris interests in Indianapolis and St. Louis.

The news of the T of C sale had leaked. It was confirmed of all places in front of the old Lindy's Restaurant on Broadway. There, hands in pockets, George Kletz, T of C promoter, talked with the boxing writers. It was all over said George in an informal way. There was a rush to telephones in a nearby drug store, and Kletz was left standing on Broadway, his hands still in his pockets.

SHORTLY after the International Boxing Club became a reality, and with Norris as its head, restored the fistic junket, at least temporarily. Once again New York boxing writers hit the road, bound for Detroit and then Chicago. The IBC's first promotion was the Marcel Cerdan-Jake LaMotta middleweight title battle in Briggs Stadium, Detroit. All went well until rain caused a postponement.

Cerdan and LaMotta had weighed in under the 160-pound middleweight limit. When the fight was postponed 24 hours, LaMotta refused to consider weighing again. After a lot of argument Floyd Stevens, Michigan commissioner, supported LaMotta. The ruling was that if the fight is postponed 24 hours no second weighing-in is necessary. If it is set back more than 24 hours the champion and challenger must weigh again.

Lew Burston and Sammy Richmond, Cerdan's American representatives, were not satisfied. Even after the commission meeting was over they stood in the hotel lobby and argued. Nevertheless Stevens had reach his decision after consulting National Boxing Association Commissioner Abe J. Greene on the telephone. The boxing writers decided the ruling was final, wrote their stories and went to dinner.



ABOUT midnight the boxing writers were suddenly summonsed to Norris' hotel suite. What had happened? The ruling had been changed and LaMotta, the challenger,

had consented to weigh-in again the following day.

How had it happened? Nat Fleischer, publisher of THE RING Magazine, had become convinced after listening to Burton and Richmond that Cerdan might balk at defending the title unless a second weighing-in was ordered. He had contacted Stevens and shown him that it was only fair for the boxers to weigh again. Then he had warned Norris that there was danger of the fight not taking place.

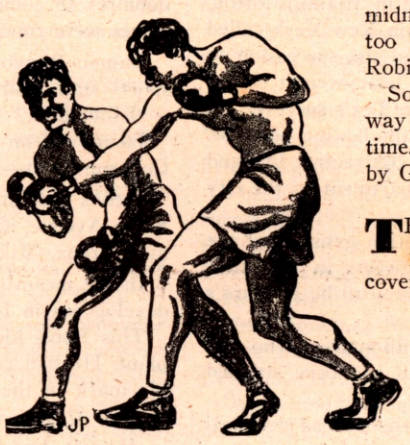
Norris in turn had convinced LaMotta that if he wanted to fight for the title he'd have to weigh again. Surprisingly enough Jake had no objections. The second weighing-in was ordered.

The boxing writers went to work again. New stories had to be filed to their offices and over the wires of the press associations. Some excellent stories written and filed before dinner never saw print. Thy were killed and the latest and correct version substituted.

While the fistic scribes toiled over their typewriters, LaMotta put on his gym togs and worked out in his room at 1 a.m. The following noon he made the weight again, and as you know, won the title when Cerdan injured his left arm.

THE tour, or junket, moved to Chicago, where the National Boxing Association was to crown the winner of the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott fight "world heavyweight champion."

On the eve of the Charles-Walcott fight, Bill Burke, an associate of Norris, Wirtz and Louis, gave a dinner in his excellent Cameo Restaurant. Among those present was Joe Triner, chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission. It was here that Triner for the first time charged that the NBA was a monopoly and challenged the rule of Commissioner Greene.



This charge was later repeated at the NBA Convention in Miami, and made headlines. Greene was reelected, but not unanimously, two votes were against him, and the NBA continues as a governing body under his leadership.

However, Triner refused to allow Greene to present a belt to the winner in the ring after the fight was over. This belt is not to be confused with the championship belts presented by THE RING Magazine. THE RING does not recognize Charles as the universal champion, but the NBA does. Greene was determined to present the belt, donated by another publication, to Charles.

The presentation took place in a hotel ballroom the day after Charles defeated Walcott. Present was Jake Mintz, Ezzard's manager, who was greatly impressed.

"I don't know what I'm saying, but you know what I mean," said Mintz as he praised his associates, Gene Elkus, Charley Dyer and George Rhein in the management of Charles.

Obviously Mintz didn't know what he was saying for Elkus, Dyer and Rhein have since taken legal action against Jake. Their suit is now pending in the courts.

RETURNING to the eastern seaboard the boxing writers had the Ray (Sugar) Robinson-Kid Gavilan world welterweight championship fight to cover in Philadelphia. The matchmaker was Johnny Attell and he had taken a stand against television. When the Philadelphia fans realized there would be no TV, they rushed the two box offices at the Municipal Stadium. The result was confusion.

There were only two box offices to begin with. One of these was tipped over. Inside the vast stadium the throng proved too great for the ushers to handle. The aisles were clogged, and people were moving out of the stands into the ringside. Even so the show grossed $170,000. Attell estimated he would have taken in $50,000 more had he been prepared to handle the unexpected crowd.

Robinson won in the ring, but actually he won weeks before. Gavilan trained at a mountain resort in the Catskills. That is it was called training. The Kid listened to nobody. He worked out in a blazing sun and he fired Charley Goldman, his trainer. Goldman had objected when Gavilan stayed up after midnight dancing the rhumba. The Cuban was also too busy playing baseball to think about fighting Robinson.

So Gavilan lost. No doubt he would have lost anyway as Robinson is one of the great fighters of his time. Nevertheless Sugar Ray was greatly assisted by Gavilan's lack of physical condition.

THE city of Waterbury, Conn., was most hospitable to boxing writers who went there to cover the Willie Pep-Eddie Compo fight. There was a dinner for the press and the ringside accommodations were excellent. Everything was thought of except the weather. Baby it was cold outside that night. Most of the New York writers showed up at the Stadium wearing sweaters bought in Waterbury.

Rocco Mara, the promoter, was not the only one to realize a profit on the fight. No doubt the price of the sweaters was added to the various expense accounts.

Such are the things that will find their way into the record book for 1949. They are not likely to be recorded in the yearly reviews. Yet they are the things a boxing writer remembers, long after he has forgotten in which round this or that championship fight ended. Such little everyday things are part of the romance of the ring.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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and Cleveland, provides "that persons so arrested must execute a bond to guarantee that they will not engage in a prize fight in this or any other state for one year and violating of such a court order provides a sentence of from one to ten years."

What Attorney Driskill had in mind when he ordered the arrests, only he knows. His only answer to such a query by newsmen was that he wanted the law obeyed.

That seems rather strange considering the high post he held in the N.B.A. during which term of office he never saw fit to have this antiquated blue law enforced!

Under that same law the courts have held that a city has a right to establish a boxing commission for the regulation of the sport and to proceed legally with boxing matches, and this has been accomplished in Cincinnati, where some of America's outstanding fighters have engaged in their vocation.

The problem first came to the front when Max Schmeling and Young Stribling were signed to fight for the heavyweight title at the ball park and the courts then ruled in favor of boxing.

The action of Attorney Driskill seems too far fetched for further discussion. It was farcical to the extreme. To avoid such ridiculous action in the future, the state fathers should repeal that law harping back to the Blue Law era when the rights of the human race were curbed.

EZZARD CHARLES, who never was in the ring with the tough 'uns of the mat sport, decided to make a little money as a wrestling referee and came out of it with a leg injury. The participants of the match which he "refereed" were the great Jim Londos and Wee Willie Davis and as must be expected when the matmen go through their antics, Charles was caught in the middle of a mix-up. Pity that those handling Ezzard's affairs are so hungry for money that they will permit a man who is aiming for world recognition as successor to Joe Louis to take a chance on facing the wild men of the grappling game.

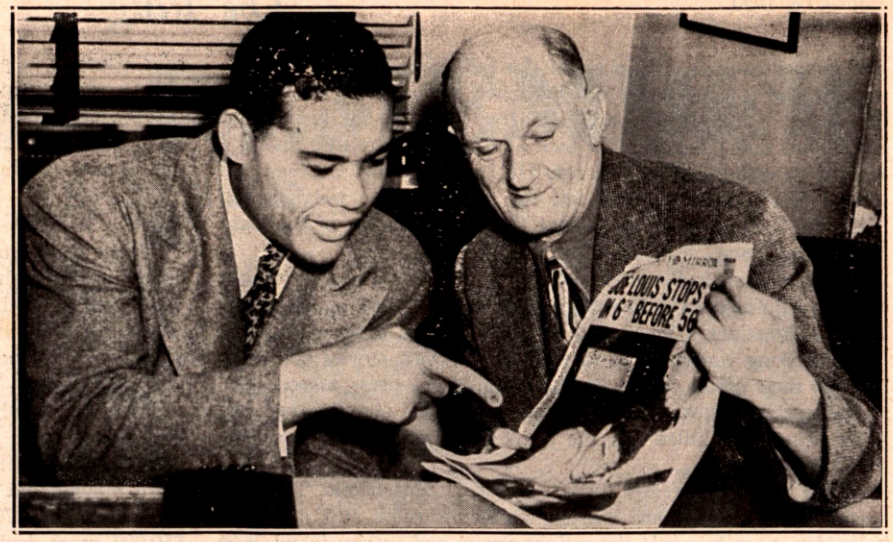
SPORTS books are receiving a big play in the publishing field, with boxing and baseball holding the spotlight. Col. John V. Grombach's "The Saga of Sock" and Jimmy Powers' "Baseball Personalities," are the latest to hit the stands. The Powers book, covering vivid stories of more than fifty of the most colorful ballplayers of all time, is an ideal gift for the growing boy. Jimmy, famous sports columnist of the New York *Daily News*, has gathered a series of tales that keep one's interest.

The JACOBS' STORY

Trip to Detroit to See Joe Louis Whip Natie Brown Stands Out Saliently in Mike's Promotional Saga

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

PART IV



Mike Jacobs and Joe Louis go over the account of one of Joe's ring victories. Both were at the peak of their careers when this picture was taken.

ON January 6, 1929, Tex Rickard, greatest boxing promoter up to his time, the man in charge of fights in New York, and through that situation, virtual czar of the ring game throughout the world, died after an appendix operation in Miami, Florida.

The 600 millionaires who owned the Garden in New York called a meeting and passed up the man who wanted the succession to Rickard—one Jack Dempsey, whose tenure as heavyweight champion of the world had been so potent a factor in Tex's success.

The millionaires elected Bill Carey head of the boxing business.

Bill was a business man. He had been in the contracting line and later was to become head of the sanitation department of the city of New York.

However, Carey was no Rickard for promotion genius and the flair for the high gamble which is behind success in that line. Nor was Carey wholly convinced that he wanted to be Rickard's successor. He joked about it.

Dempsey's price had scared off the 600 millionaires, who had been raked by the Black October of 1929, and had been stunned by the Wall Street collapse.

Jack had asked $100,000 a year, to begin with. He had demanded a percentage of the profits, and a block of stock in the Garden. His proposition overwhelmed the millionaires.

So happy-go-lucky Carey moved into the old Rickard offices, and began to run the boxing business through a depression. Bill's administration was not famous for big returns to the Garden stockholders. Nor was Jimmy Johnston's later tenure.

ALL the while Michael Strauss Jacobs was sitting in his ticket agency wondering when the millionaires would call him up.

Mike had been Rickard's advisor, and on occasions, his money man.

Mike, a down-to-earth native of New York, with a keen insight into promotion, into the dollars and cents essentials of producing enterprises for profit, knew that he was better equipped, by experience and temperament, than was Carey for the job which had been held by Rickard.

However, quite a few years were to pass before Uncle Mike found himself in the driver's seat in the Garden. Jacobs had to prove himself, first.

The Hearst Milk Fund benefits were Mike's springboards.

Mrs. William Randolph Hearst had originated the idea of holding annual boxing benefits for her pet charity—pasteurized milk for the poor kids of New York.

These were not mere exhibitions for a good cause. They were big fights, championship battles, some of them.

In time, the Milk Fund situation, running into big money, produced inevitable involvements. It became necessary to call in a promoter from the outside. So Mrs. Hearst invited Jacobs to jump into the situation.

This was what Mike had been looking for—the opportunity to fight the millionaires, by now reduced drastically in number from the original 600—and he accepted the new post.

THE Garden had refused to Mrs. Hearst the gate split she had asked, so in came Mike to run things in opposition—all with the idea in the back of his head that he would force the millionaires to come to terms with him in so far as Rickard's old offices were concerned.

Damon Runyon, Ed Frayne and Bill Farnsworth, of the Hearst sports staff, had suggested Mike's name to Mrs. Hearst.

"I love milk," Mike had assured that estimable lady.

Jacobs put on a terrific show for the Milk Fund in the Bronx Coliseum. But—it was not the Garden.

Jacobs then staged successful fights in the old Hippodrome on Sixth Avenue, not far from the Garden. But the Hipp was not the main arena. Mike was planning.

In the meantime, a fighter by the name of Joe Louis began to develop out in Detroit.

This Louis kid, born Barrow, had been a laborer in the Ford plant. He had risen rapidly in the amateur ranks. He had made his mark in the Golden Gloves in Chicago.

John Roxborough, a benevolent gentleman with headquarters in Detroit, lost no time in grabbing Joe.

Roxborough, a Negro graduate of Michigan, with suaveness and polish, had an equally benevolent associate in Chicago, whose name was Julian Black.

The contract with Louis was a valuable piece of property for John and Julian. But they had to get important fights for their man, and they had to look eastward, to New York.

ON March 28, 1935, at Detroit, Louis outpointed Natie Brown. Mike was at the ringside. This fact was important, because it stands out so saliently in the story of Jacobs as the topflight fight promoter.

As Louis knocked out Joe Kracken in one round, Willie Davis in two heats, Larry Udell in two more, in Chicago, at the outset of his professional career in 1934, Mike was watching closely from his New York offices.

As the Brown Bomber went on to stop Stanley Poreda in one and Lee Ramage in eight, Michael was watching all the more intently.

When, in 1935, the big Negro kid from Detroit stopped Hans Birkie in ten, and for the second time disposed of Ramage, Mike made up his mind.

"Rickard had his Dempsey, I am going to have my Joe Louis," said Jacobs to a very astute friend named Jacobs.

When the Louis-Brown fight neared, Mike and Farnsworth and Frayne decided to go to Detroit, to sign Joe for a Milk Fund show. They sensed that a real contender for the heavyweight title, then held by the ebullient Max Baer, had risen and they were determined to circumvent the Garden, in which Jimmy Johnston had succeeded Carey, and in which there still was no amazing ring profits. Basketball had come along to shame the gloves.

"I WAS sitting in my office one morning, thinking of the trip to Detroit, and I got an idea," Jacobs told me not so long ago.

"I believed Louis would beat Brown, and I felt that soon we would show Joe in New York.

"So I called up the New York Central offices and had two cars attached to a train for Detroit. It was called the Mike Jacobs Special.

"I called in Walter St. Denis, my publicity man, and said, 'Call up all the fight writers, sports editors and columnists, and invite them to go to Detroit as my guests.'

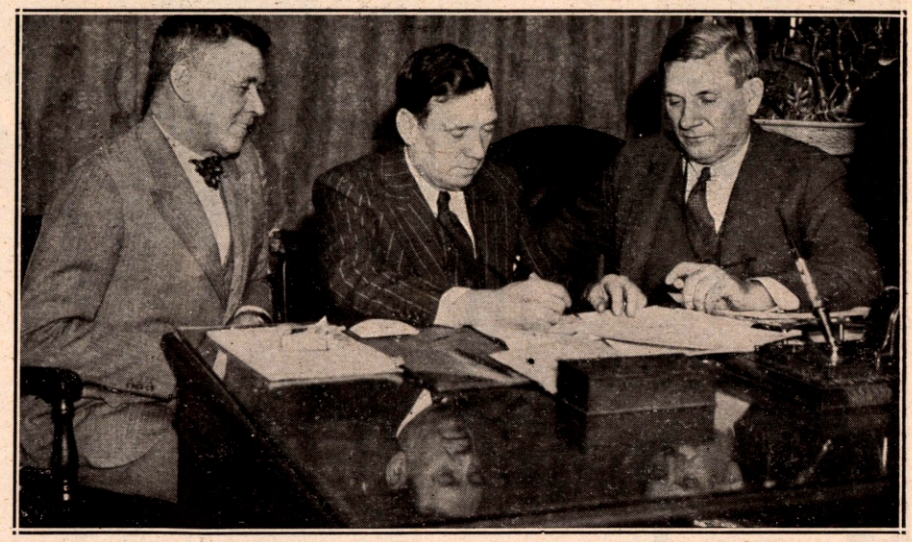
"This ran into dough. But it was one of the most important small investments of my life.

"The most influential writers in America went to Detroit, either as my guests or on their own, and saw Louis for the first time. One look was all they needed. One look was all I needed.

"Louis gave the experienced Brown a battering. Joe could not stop him because of Natie's funny style. Brown ducked and he ran, he held and he danced. Louis almost belted him out of the ring in the first heat. But Brown managed to last.

"The newspapermen decided that they had seen the next champion of the world. Well, he wasn't the next. But it did not take long. Jimmy Braddock beat Baer on June 13, 1935, and Louis belted out Braddock on June 22, 1937.

"It had taken Joe just three years to jump from his first pro fight to the heavyweight championship of the world."



Jimmy Johnston putting his John Hancock to the contract that made him the General Manager of Madison Square Garden. On Jimmy's right is William F. Carey, President. On Jimmy's left is the Garden lawyer.

MIKE continued, "Only a few hours after Louis had whipped Brown, I had a conference with Roxborough and Black.

"I got a contract under which I was to be the sole promoter for Louis, for three years, with the option of renewal. It was an arrangement which in time pleased everybody concerned. Still pleases them, for that matter.

"On June 25, 1935, in New York, Louis made his debut under my promotion. He knocked out Primo Carnera in six rounds.

"Well, there no longer was any question to to where Louis was going.

"In August, 1935, Joe stopped Kingfish Levinsky just by sneezing at him.

"The next month, Louis gave Baer an unmerciful belting. This was two months after Max had lost the title to Braddock. Imagine having such cards to toss around, at such short intervals.

"Well, sir, I never believed Max would get into the ring with Joe. Baer had been reading the papers, and the setback by Braddock had ruined his confidence.

"In December, 1935, Louis stopped Paulino in four heats. The Negro kid was rushing along, maybe too fast.

"In 1936, with Uncle Mike promoting, and doing okeh, Louis knocked out Charley Retzlaff in January. And then we got sick.

"I was sure Louis would stop Max Schmeling. But you know what happened. The German knocked him out in 12 rounds. You can imagine how we all felt when Joe paid Schmeling back in that two-minute fight on June 22, 1938.

"Well, the rest of the Louis story is boxing history.

"That trip to Detroit had been an inspiration. And it had made Mike Jacobs the top promoter of all time. I ain't kidding myself, am I?"

Uncle Mike was assured that he had not been "kidding himself." In Detroit, as he had suspected, he had found his Dempsey.

ON September 23, 1937, in Yankee Stadium, Mike Jacobs staged what was called the Tournament of Champions. It was a fistic gala, but a financial failure.

The guarantees were too big. But Mike was not too greatly surprised. This show was pointed straight at the Garden. Not that the Garden situation bothered Mike too much by that time. But he wanted the whole show for himself.

In the lightweight fight that big night, Lou Ambers outpointed Pedro Montanez in 15 rounds.

The welterweight championship battle saw Barney Ross beat Ceferino Garcia in 15.

In the middleweight chef d'oeuvre, Fred Apostoli knocked out Marcel Thil in the tenth.

Harry Jeffra wrested the bantamweight championship from Sixto Escobar on a 15-round decision.

There were 50,000 spectators in the Stadium. They paid $300,000. But the guarantees to the fighters came to $200,000.

That terrific show stressed the fact that Jacobs controlled the only worth-while fistic talent available.

The few millionaires left in the Garden control read the sports pages with chagrin, but high interest.

There was nothing to do but get Mike into the Garden.

Michael Strauss Jacobs' dream finally had come true. He sat in Tex Rickard's old office, at last!

The Garden did not hire Jacobs. He leased the arena, and its Long Island City board stadium, on a rental basis.

On October 27, 1937, barely one month after the Tournament of Champions, Mike staged his first show in the Garden. Henry Armstrong knocked out Pete Sarron in six rounds, and became the featherweight champion of the world.

The 20th Century Sporting Club and Mike were on the move toward a peak.

The fifth installment of the Mike Jacobs' story, in our next issue, will tell of his early promotions as the boxing czar.

THE QUESTION BOX

B. Muller, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Q.—I only recently learned that Jack Dempsey has not assumed that name but that his family name is actually Dempsey. I thought he had taken it from Nonpareil Jack Dempsey. Please tell me how did the "Nonpareil" get that name. From whom, since his correct name was Kelly. Where did the Dempsey name in boxing originate. Were Sharkey and Nonpareil Jack Dempsey the only world champions who fought under assumed names?

A.—I regret that I cannot tell you where the Dempsey fighting name originated. Perhaps one of our readers can enlighten both of us. As for the assumed names, there were many champions who assumed names for fighting purposes. Many took the names of fighters who had made the top grade previously and had retired.

Arthur Boswell, Boston, Mass.

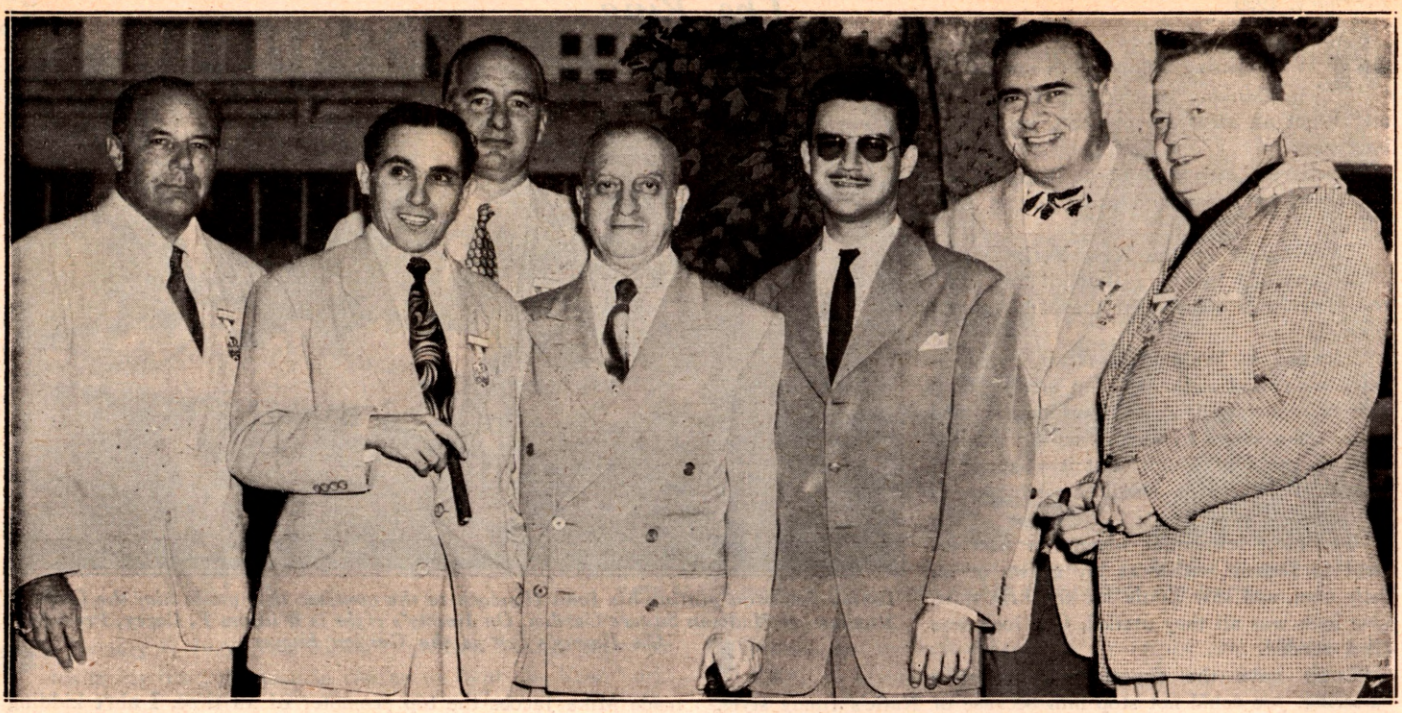
Q.—Was John L. Sullivan noted only for his heavy hitting? Could he box?

A.—He could do both but his socking ability was what made him famous.

Thomas Arthur, Spokane, Wash.

Q.—Was Freddie Steele ever recognized as world champion or was he what we might term a sectional title holder.

A.—Freddie had the support of the New York Commission as world champion but he never was universally recognized as title holder since Marcel Thil was the world champion at the time that Freddie claimed the title after Thil had temporarily announced his retirement and withdrew same within a few weeks to continue to fight as world champion, something to which he was entitled.



Executives of the National Boxing Association posing with THE RING *Editor at Havana. Left to right—Flamen Adee of Florida, retired president; Juan Sosa, president of the Cuban Sports Commission; Pedro Mendietta of Cuba, chosen one of the new vice-presidents; Dr. Jorge Vieites, Havana, secretary of the Cuban Commission; Abe Greene, National Commissioner of the N.B.A.; Col. Harvey Miller, Executive Secretary of the N.B.A.*

Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

N.B.A. Fails in Duty to World Boxing

Petty Squabbles Highlight Convention

LaStarza, Brion, Marciano Prove Duds

THE National Boxing Association in Havana, unlike the convention of the European Boxing Union in Rome, was a keen disappointment to me. I flew to Havana for the purpose of covering the annual session and reporting the proceedings, but much as I regret to write it, there was nothing to report unless one cared to fill a column with personal squabbles. So far as constructive work was concerned, there was none. Unlike the joyful days I spent in Rome, sadness and sorrow filled my heart in Cuba for not only was the convention a sorrowful affair, but the day after its wind-up, I lost my wife, who died within a few hours after she was suddenly struck down by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The convention was a flop. After seeing gentlemen of high standing in the world of finance, law and business act like a bunch of schoolboys, all I can say is that I am proud of the fact that my state, New York, is not a member. It can well afford to carry on in its own way if what was accomplished in Havana is a criterion for what the N.B.A. stands. I not only had wasted my time attending the sessions, which had absolutely nothing of interest to boxing on its agenda, but if what I saw and heard in Havana is the best the N.B.A. can do, then it would be well for the organization to disband and let each state handle its own affairs.

Petty squabbles and a good time were the highlights of the convention. Not one matter of importance to boxing, not one constructive piece of legislation, was discussed. In fact, nothing relative to rules and regulations worth mentioning.

Even the report which the European Boxing Union had asked me to deliver to the N.B.A. concerning international boxing regulations, failed to come before the convention. Fourteen items which the E.B.U. had prepared for the N.B.A., which I had hoped would be considered in an effort to enact national legislation to conform to the passage of similar regulations by the European statesmen at the Rome convention, were eliminated from the agenda.

What a difference between what Colonel Eddie Eagan and I had witnessed in Rome!

There, those who were sent by their governments to discuss ways and means for the betterment of the sport sat for four days for as much as eight hours a day, earnestly discussing matters of vital importance and ruling on such in the same manner as is done at the United Nations meetings. They had a good time, too, but when their convention came to an end, one knew that boxing had gained considerably by the wise actions of gentlemen who, though bitter at times at those who couldn't see eye-to-eye with them, submitted willingly to the majority, but accomplished what the convention had set out to do—regulate the sport on a better basis.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot say the same of the N.B.A. membership and must hand out this stinging rebuke to the

organization. Boxing gained nothing. The N.B.A. would do well to send one of its executives to Madrid next April to attend the next European Boxing Union convention and learn something from its members.

The only praise I can give is that to the Cuban Boxing Commission, which did an excellent job in caring for its guests and entertaining the visiting Americans. The Cubans were not in the least to blame for what happened. Theirs was a big job, well done.

ROLAND LaSTARZA of New York and Cesar Brion of Argentina gave New York fight fans an opportunity to see how far they have advanced as heavyweight threats in their ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden, but when the smoke of "battle" was over, the 12,035 spectators, who paid $40,092 to view the performance, left the House that Tex Built convinced that there are no embryo Dempseys, Tunneys or Louises around the fistic circuit.

Roland's winning streak remained intact, with the New Yorker rolling up his 37th victory, but beyond adding to his string of triumphs, LaStarza did nothing to either arouse any enthusiasm among the spectators or to make them feel that he will eventually be a title threat. So far as that bout is concerned, the loser, more so than the victor, held the eyes of the spectators.

He displayed greater possibilities as heavyweight material and convinced the gathering that with proper training he looms as a far better prospect than any of the current crop of young heavyweight fighters. He possesses a punch, can take one, has sufficient courage to fight back when in a tight spot, but lacks boxing savvy. That he can learn.

He boxes well and has far greater stamina than was on display by LaStarza, who tired badly as the bout progressed. Unlike Brion, who was ever willing to mix it and take a chance on a knockout, his opponent was guilty of holding, and his crude South American rival, lacking ring knowledge, tried to wrestle his way clear of the clutches of Roland, for which offense he was warned several times. But one couldn't very well blame him because of the extenuating circumstances.

Only for his boxing skill, LaStarza would have lost the fight. He was considerably wearied by the pace set by Brion. In none of his previous contests since he started his pro career two years ago had LaStarza faced so formidable an opponent and the pressure took a lot out of him.

LaStarza is too much of a counter fighter and I doubt that he will advance much further than he now has gone. Though he outpunched Brion in several hot exchanges, the Argentinian proved the harder puncher. Twice LaStarza buckled after taking a few to the chin and body.

An analysis of the bout, the first important heavyweight contest with budding talent as opponents, indicated that LaStarza has gone as far as he'll ever get as a heavyweight threat, while Brion still shows promise.

As for Rocky Marciano, who continued his string of victories at the expense of Pat Richards of Columbus, O., there is little one can say of him until such time as his manager, Al Weill, pits him against the talent Rocky should be asked to meet. Facing setups for the purpose of building up a record of knockouts is not what one expects from a fighter who is being touted as a world beater. Not one of the three heavyweights prospects who were paraded before the Garden fans showed anything to arouse public enthusiasm. One thing seems certain—LaStarza, Brion and Marciano won't fill the shoes of Joe Louis, if what was on display in the Garden is a criterion.

JOE LOUIS' latest exhibition tour, the one which he hopes will enable him to get into condition to make a successful comeback though he emphatically denies he has such intentions, has convinced those who have seen the Brown Bomber in action that despite poor physical condition, he rates tops among the world heavyweights. He lacks speed, good timing and the skill of old, but when it comes to landing a haymaker he still is there. What he has accomplished to date makes it more and more apparent that his present "exhibition" tour is a tune-up for a comeback. He tires quickly and no longer can stand a stiff pace, but there aren't any heavyweights who can take it on the chin to any extent from the Brown Bomber. He can drop his opponent just as readily now as he did when in his prime.

His performance against Pat Valentino, his best to date, was far better than his so-called successor to the heavyweight throne, Ezzard Charles, did against the same fighter. Only a few seconds marked the difference in the time of the knockout in Charles' favor, but the shellacking Valentino took indicated to what extent Louis is still superior to those now seeking to clinch the laurels he gave up.

Engaging in ten-round exhibitions with ten-ounce gloves is not the easiest way to make a living, but knowing that Louis has plenty of money even though not ready cash, the only assumption one can make is that he is aiming at something beyond collecting the little cash he's getting for those ten-rounders.

The reason seems obvious. His closest friends admit it. He is aiming to get into condition if he can for a crack at Charles next summer should no other heavyweight appear on the scene who can make a championship bout sufficiently attractive to pull his club, the International Sporting Club, out of the red and to enable him to get some heavy dividends other than the salary which he is now collecting as part of the deal into which he entered with Jim Norris and the Garden after he broke away from Mike Jacobs. We may be wrong in our conjecture, but that's our interpretation of the latest Joe Louis jaunt.

ONE cannot blame Lee Oma for cancelling his "exhibition" with Louis. Speaking for Lee, his manager, Tex Sullivan, correctly stated the case when interviewed by the scribes.

"We have pulled out of the Detroit exhibition because those so-called exhibitions of Louis' aren't exhibitions at all. They are fights. We'll meet Joe in a regular bout if he is willing, because then we know that the gate will go over the $100,000 mark and our end will not be peanuts while Joe takes 45 per cent of the gate for shellacking his opponent. We can then make real money. Joe's exhibitions to date have been drawing exceptionally small houses, hence why gamble on getting your ears knocked off for a few dollars?

"Louis isn't planning a comeback. He already has come back."

In this I agree. The pictures of Valentino battered by Louis into a bloody mess show that the retired champ is tossing the bombs as of old. The Brown Bomber, fat-jowled and rubber-tired, started his "Bum-of-the-Week" exhibitions in Boston on November 14 with Johnny Shkor as his opponent and then took on Joe Cheshul in Newark and Johnny Flynn in Kansas City, and followed with the Valentino bout. He dropped Shkor three times, put Cheshul down once, cutting his eye in a bout that went the limit. In his exhibition with Flynn, Louis had Johnny on the deck twice. That doesn't look like exhibition affairs.

The "Bum-of-the-Week" opponents thus far have been fighters of note, hence one cannot accuse Louis of picking 'em soft. It all adds up to one thing—a comeback next June for Joe in a world title bout.

VETERAN followers of boxing blinked when they read a dispatch from Cincinnati recently which told of the arrest of two topnotch boxers, Tommy Campbell of Rock Island, Illinois, and Wallace Smith of Cincinnati, lightweights. They couldn't believe their eyes and for a moment thought that either April Fool's Day had arrived half a year too soon or the paper they were reading was one of the Blue Laws period.

On the complaint of an affidavit submitted by John W. Driskill, an attorney, former executive secretary of the National Boxing Association, the pugilists were taken into court for "violating the boxing law." It was Driskill's contention—that because the boys were in training for a fight which subsequently Smith won to gain an international rating, that they were violating the statute of Ohio which provides that anyone "intending to engage in a prize fight shall be arrested."

The law in Ohio, which incidentally permits local option for fights and which annually has more than 100 boxing matches staged in various parts of the state, particularly in Cincinnati, Lorain, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo *(Continued on page 25)*

Middleweight Prospects High for 1950

By TED CARROLL

AS in former years much of the talent around today is concentrated in the middleweight class. This is to be expected since the 160-pound limit makes this division the most "natural" of the boxing classes. The untimely passing of Marcel Cerdan removed a real standout from the boxing scene. In any of the other divisions a loss such as this would have come close to wrecking the class but capable 160-pound topliners are still plentiful.

Both overseas and stateside there was plenty going on among the middles in 1949 and there are prospects of even greater activity among them during the coming year. The present title holder, Jake LaMotta, is a worthy one. While some claim he has seen his best days, he is still rough and tough enough to have given any man his weight, since Mickey Walker, a stiff argument. During his long years as a leading contender, the Bronx Bull kept up a continual clamor that the champs wouldn't meet him. There was some truth to this. However, there are suspicions that Jake himself shapes up as a rather wary champion who may be hard to corner. With the shoe on the other foot, fight people are hoping that LaMotta doesn't turn out to be the kind of champ he always complained about in former years. If he does blossom forth as a fighting title holder, there is plenty of opposition on the horizon for him.

WHETHER Rocky Graziano is the best middleweight in the world today is open to much dispute. That he is the most colorful, the most dynamic and the best drawing card is conceded by all. His appearance against anybody, particularly in New York, guarantees a packed house. Like LaMotta, there are plenty of rivals around for Rocky. But the former Dead End Kid is in a similar spot to that occupied by Jimmy McLarnin years ago. "James is the card," old Pop Foster would say. "I think he deserves a little the best of it."

As shrewd bargainers, Irving Cohen, master mind of the Graziano combination, and old Pop have much in common. "Everybody wants to fight us," innocently announces Irving. "Why? I'll tell you—because they know it's going to be a good payday. All the promoters want us—because they know we'll sell out. Rocky is the card, and can you blame us if we're particular about opponents?"

Among those who'd like to get in there with the Rock and are considered likely candidates for this honor are vets like Steve Belloise and youngsters like Jimmy Flood, Rocky Castellani and Walter Cartier. Kid Gavilan, a welter, who has been quite successful against middleweights, is another. Frenchmen Robert Villemain and Laurent Dauthuille are possibilities. Any of these would pack Madison Square Garden with Graziano. Either Ray Robinson or Jake LaMotta vs. Graziano would make a bout of outdoor proportions.

AMONG the middleweight younger set, New York's Jimmy Flood seems to have the makings of a real box office magnet. Opinions vary on the potentialities of this baby-faced battler. "He blocks too many punches with his head," is the criticism offered by many boxing wiseacres. Be that as it may, if the dark-haired Irish kid develops into a first-rate fighter he will become a public hero to rival Graziano.

Since coming under the wing of Maurie Waxman, Walter Cartier has come along in sensational style. Cartier, a glib talking, good looker, hasn't lost a fight since Maurie, along with his one-time fighter, Bobby Ruffin, took him over. An intellectual, as fighters go, the hard-hitting Cartier, whose twin brother is studying law, might possibly be outstanding among the middleweights by 1951. Another prospect is Jimmy Beau.

Lee Sala, another middleweight hopeful, has been such hot stuff in the hinterlands he can afford to give New York the go by. On August 17, 1949, the good citizens of Syracuse paid a record $25,000 to see Sala kayo Joey DeJohn. Not a single customer regretted his attendance for the pair turned in a real thriller with Sala getting up off the floor to break DeJohn's jaw and kayo him in the sixth round.

Sala comes from Donora, Pa. This of itself is noteworthy, since this Pennsylvania town has probably sent out more famous athletes than any city of its size in America. Stan Musial, the great ball player, and Arnold Galiffa, the Army all-American football player, being fellow citizens of Donora along with Sala. Back home Sala is so highly thought of he is mentioned in the same breath with these giants. In action Lee, who comes from an athletic family, impresses as a fighter who knows what it is all about as well as being an above the average hitter. His chances of getting somewhere in 1950 appear excellent, since in the DeJohn scramble he showed plenty of moxie by getting up off the floor to topple the terrific hitting DeJohn.

Speaking of DeJohn, the youngest of the fighting DeJohn—born Giovanni—family of Syracuse may never be champion, but next to Graziano he is the most exciting fighter in the class. His tremendous punching, which is offset by his fragility, makes for the tingling up and down mixups which keep the customers coming back for more. In 1949 only one of his nine fights went the limit. Of the other eight he scored five knockouts and was stopped himself three times.

While on the subject of punchers, vet Steve Belloise still has the wallop to add dynamite to any bout in which he shows. Balding Steve, who had a good year save for the Robinson setback, is still a mighty dangerous man.

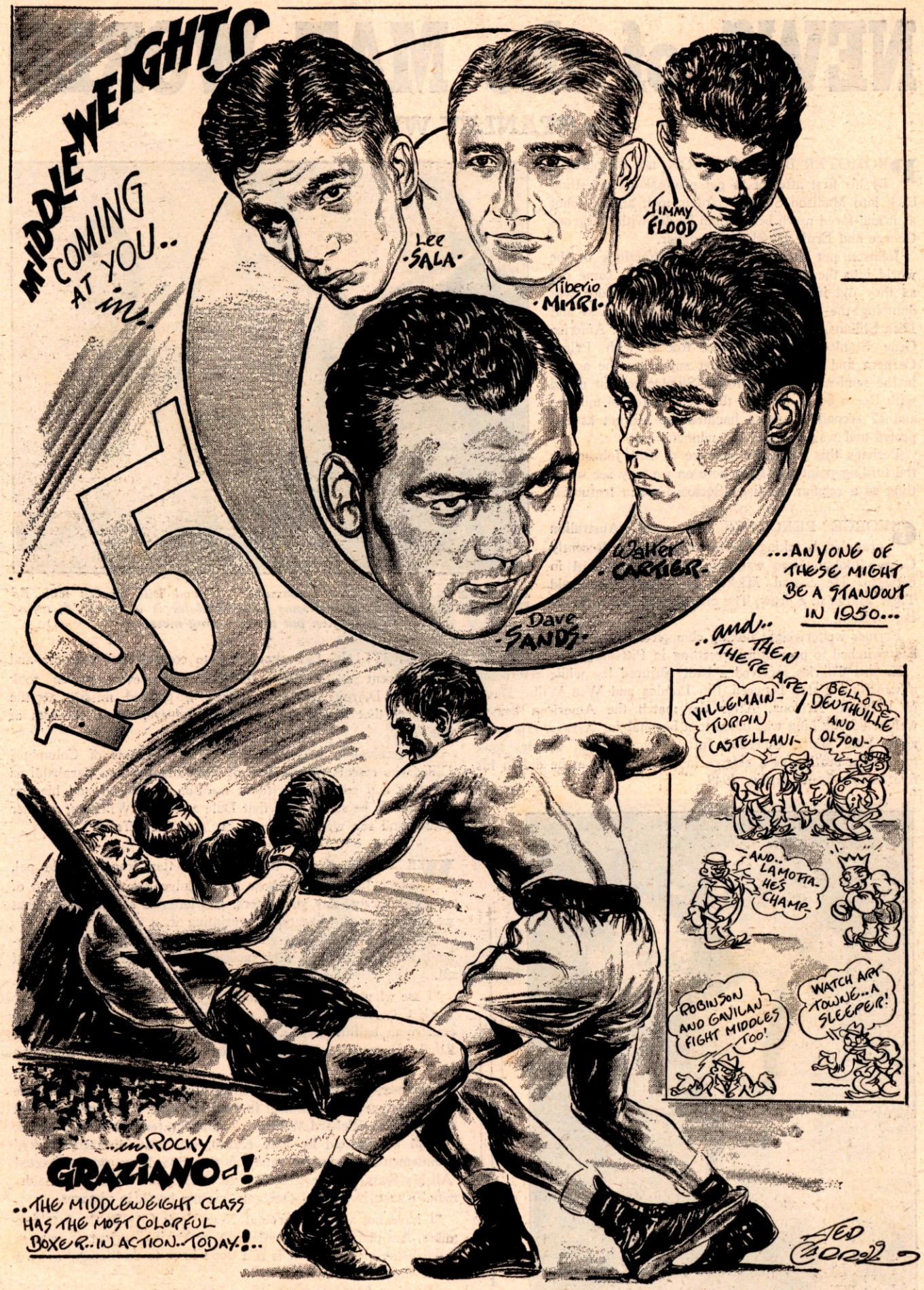
Robert Villemain's iron head and determination make him a formidable antagonist who cannot be ignored in sizing up the middleweights for next year. Although susceptible to cuts, the stocky Frenchman is a hard man to beat due to his dogged persistency.

Although beaten twice by Villemain in France, Laurent Dauthuille has made a better impression on this side of the water than Robert. An all-round performer, Dauthuille's win over LaMotta gives him high ranking in the class. He dropped a decision on November 21 to Gavilan, but this was a close one in which the Frenchman was stuck with a weight-making contract.

THE middles have also been causing ructions over in England, with Dave Sands, most highly touted Aussie since the lamented Les Darcy, the big attraction. Sands, boasting the gaudy designation of middleweight, light-heavyweight, and heavyweight champion of Australia, was out-cuted by Tommy Yarosz earlier in the year, but has been a real ball of fire since then. He's a legitimate middle, handed Villemain a fearful drubbing with a couple of knockdowns thrown in, and had Dick Turpin out of there in a round to win the British Empire middleweight title. Game Pete Mead lasted the ten rounds with him, but survived on ticker alone as he never had a chance against the aborigine.

Described as a good looking chap with a style which would find much favor in America, Sands, one of four fighting brothers, is nominated by many sharpshooters as the next champion of the class.

Randolph Turpin, brother of Dick, went Sands one better by stopping Mead in London, but the Britisher is a spotty performer. Still his punch makes him no laughing matter in there, and should he forget his "off nights," he may go far.



THE George Gainsford-Ray Robinson combine has a real sleeper lying in wait for the unwary in Art Towne. Towne, who has done his boxing under a variety of names, including his real one—Henry Johnson—straightened out once he took the Towne monicker. Out-of-towners speak of him with awe, although his record shows no "names." *(Continued on page 39)*

NEWS of the MAT WORLD

By STANLEY WESTON

PROMOTER BILL JOHNSON, not discouraged by his first attempt to get professional wrestling back into Madison Square Garden, took another shot at it and fared much better than he did with Gorgeous George and Ernie Dusek last summer.

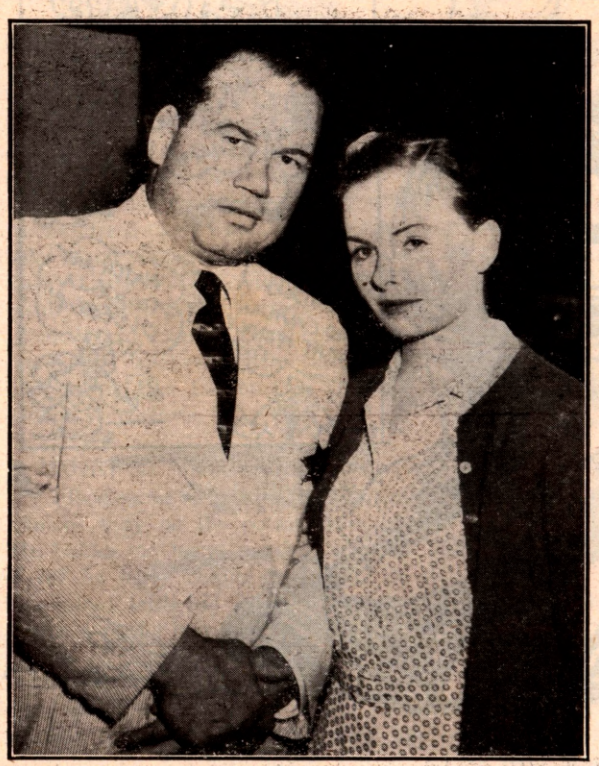
Johnson put the two best mat attractions in the world into the Garden ring and the public came out as they did in the old days when Jim Londos was dumping the Sammy Steins, Strangler Lewises and Dick Shikats. His big main event paired Mr. America Gene Stanlee with Antonino Rocca, with Primo Carnera and the Green Hornet supplying the action in the semi-windup. The Rocca-Stanlee contest ended with Rocca being declared the victor after 24 minutes and 17 seconds. Carnera handled the Hornet as expected and was declared the winner.

Perhaps this successful venture of Bill Johnson is the turning point and from here on we may see wrestling as a regular Madison Square Garden feature.

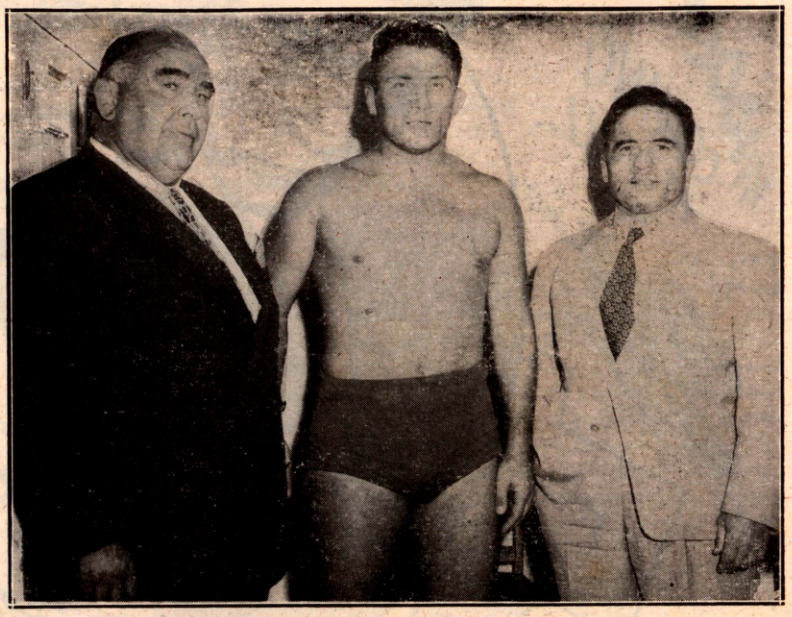
GEORGE PENCHEFF, the great Australian grappler, is taking California by storm. Recently George took on two wrestlers with a short rest in between. He tossed Mickey Gold and then held Tiger Marsh to a draw. The crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Former welterweight boxing champion Fritzie Zivic has switched to promoting wrestling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Ezzard Charles received a badly injured leg while refereeing a wrestling match between Jim Londos and Wee Willie Davis in Phoenix, Arizona. After the match the American heavyweight boxing king was taken to a hospital for X-rays. His manager, Jake Mintz, cancelled future engagements. Charles took more of a beating as a referee in one match than he did in his five boxing bouts during 1949.



Tiger Joe Marsh, latest of the wrestlers to make a hit in motion pictures. He is pictured here with Jeanne Crain, who starred in the picture in which Marsh made his screen debut, "Pinky."



Johan Hefer, South Africa's ambassador of good will, posing with Ed "Strangler" Lewis (left), and Jimmy Londos. Hefer is in the U. S. trying to straighten out the wrestling mess.

WRESTLING fans should try to control their tempers and prevent a repetition of the tragic event which took place in Detroit. Someone tossed a pointed missile at the wrestlers that struck the referee in the eye, result, the loss of one optic.

We received a letter from Dale F. Williams of Columbus, Ohio, who resents the mention of Gino and son Leo Garabaldi as a father and son team without mention of himself and his son Jack. Let it be stated here that Dale and Jack Williams, another father and son wrestling team, are open for offers.

WE WERE pleased to receive a letter from our old pal, Tiger Joe Marsh, whose life of adventure is the dream of so many present day youngsters. His letter is so interesting that we are taking the liberty of reprinting it.

"Just got back from a wrestling tour of Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii. It was a very successful trip, liked Hawaii best of all.

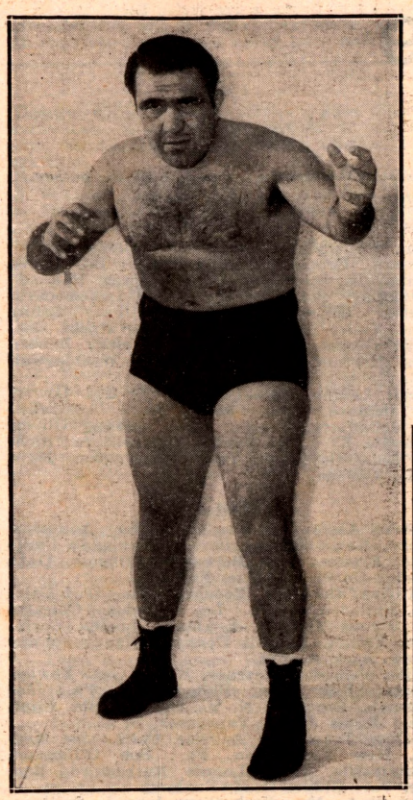
"I see where the picture 'Pinky' is breaking all records in New York City. Stanley, I made my screen debut in 'Pinky' as the courtroom bailiff. It is a four star picture with Jeanne Crain, Ethel Barrymore, Ethel Waters and William Lundigan in it.

"My next picture for 20th Century-Fox is 'Port of Entry.' The whole picture will be filmed in New Orleans. The stars in 'Port of Entry' are Richard Widmark, Anne Baxter and Paul Douglas. It will be directed by Elia Kazan, who also directed 'Pinky,' 'Gentlemen's Agreement' and on the Broadway stage directed 'All My Sons,' 'A Streetcar Named Desire' and 'Death of a Salesman.' Kazan is the guy that gave me my break in pictures.

"I have not wrestled around New York City in the last two years. Am planning to wrestle in New York City just as soon as I finish the picture. That is if I don't have to do 'Zapata' after I finish 'Port of Entry.'

"'Zapata' is the real life story of a Mexican General by that name who stole from the rich and gave to the poor, a Mexican Robin Hood. I will play the part of a Mexican aide to 'Zapata.'

"My ambition is to do a Broadway play with my very good friends, the Lunts."

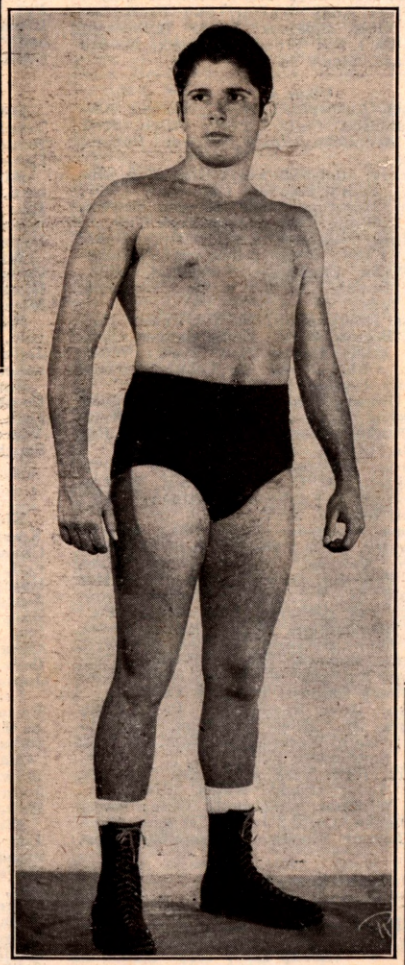


Chuck Montana, one of wrestling's toughest competitors.

HIS mother calls him Fred, but to the sports fans he's known as "Bull" and "Chuck," and what some of the ringsiders call him isn't fit to print. But whenever Montana is on a wrestling card it's sure to be filled with action. He's a fixture in Eastern Canadian rings in the summer and in Midwest and Eastern United States rings in the winter.

Montana has always been of the rougher type. Although he's just over the five-foot-six size, he has tremendous shoulders, unusual speed, a keen knowledge of wrestling and a great love for a brawl.

His first love was baseball, and if he had stuck to that pastime, he might have gone on to fame and fortune. He's a dead ringer for the New York Yankees' Yogi Berra and in his younger days he was a catcher and a long-ball hitter. When the World Series comes along each fall and he reads of the large cheques passed around, he wonders if he should have stuck to baseball. But he's doing all right in a financial way in the wrestling rings, and he certainly has added a thrill to every match in which he has been a principal.



Leo Garabaldi, Gino's son, who with his dad, makes up one of the best twosomes in tag team matches.

Like so many of the present day grapplers, Montana graduated from the football field to the mat. It seemed the natural thing to do and he has seldom regretted the move, although some of his rivals often wish he had taken up some other sport. For the short, stocky Montana is a rough customer inside the ropes. Seldom does he stick to straight wrestling. But such is his flare for the fans that he has been a power at the box office for some years. And that means wherever he has been booked.

During his time in wrestling, Montana has met practically all the big names. He has been outweighed and often dwarfed by some of the bigger men, but has done very well for himself under all circumstances. He is one of the most exciting ringsters the wrestling game has seen for some years.

CHIEF DON EAGLE and Cyclone Anaya drew 10,745 customers and a gross gate of $24,182 at the Chicago Amphitheater.

Orville Brown and Bobby Bruns were severely injured in an automobile crash in Eagleville, Missouri. Brown, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., and Bruns, 35, of Hayward, California, were returning to Kansas City from a wrestling show in Des Moines in Brown's car.

Louis Thez still one of the best in the business. . . . Johan Hefer of South Africa has been very successful on his American tour. His main objective for coming to this country, according to him, is to confer with the leading mat promoters and try to straighten out the messy situation that now exists in professional grappling. Good luck, Johan, if you can do it you'll be the only one in the world who can.

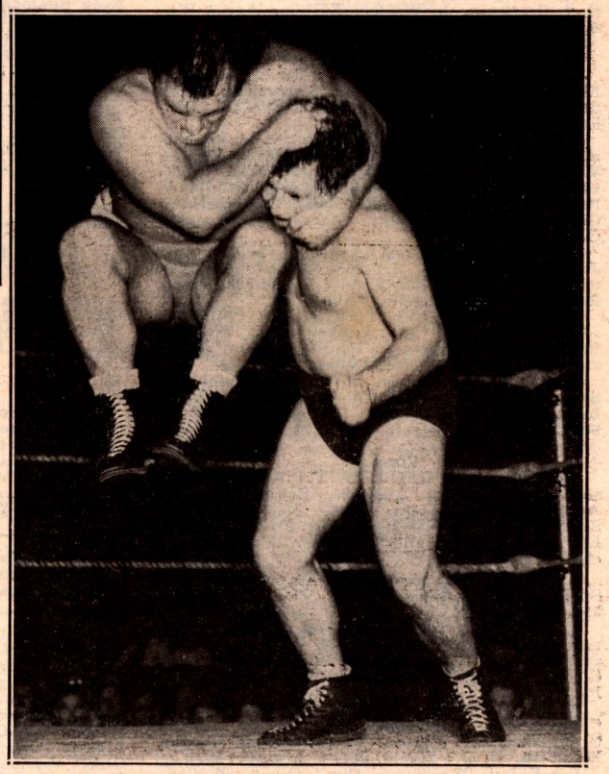
Martin Karadajian, the bearded strongman from Armenia, proved a big hit on the Milton Berle television program when he demonstrated a wrestler's routine. His match with Berle was nothing short of a laugh riot.

MAJOR wrestling came back to London last month with a bang.

At the Empress Stadium, Norman Morrell, former British amateur champion in conjunction with Edward Beresford, drew an audience of over 4,000 people. His main contest—governed by Admiral Lord Mountevan's wrestling rules—resulted in a draw decision with Bert Assirati, holder of the English title, breaking even with Hassan Ali Bey, advertised as being "probably the strongest man in the world."

In an attractive supporting contest, Alan Colbeck, Wakefield, retained the British lightweight championship by defeating George Kidd of Dundee, Scotland. The contests were refereed by Leo Lightbody.

On the following night, in another part of London, approximately 10,000 persons turned up at Harringay Arena. Unfortunately for Promoter Athol Oakeley, his main contestant, Ivanov Georgiev, reputed to be a seven-foot Russian giant weighing 400 pounds, failed to appear. His place was taken by Mick Casey, member of the famed Casey clan of County Kerry, Ireland, who was too strong for Phil "Black Arrow" Siki.



Here is another of THE RING'S *action shot series. This photo was taken during the Shriner Convention in Memphis, Tenn., and shows Karl Krasser about to bounce Fred Blassie's noggin on the canvas.*

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Rated *by* "THE RING" *for* 1949

By NAT FLEISCHER

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These ratings are based on results from January 1 to December 15, inclusive.

AS in past years, the ratings listed below are the result of considerable thought and study and not recorded through mere guesswork. THE RING Editor has had the assistance of an able staff, consisting of his co-workers on THE RING and his correspondents in gathering the data necessary for a world-wide ranking of pugilists as appears in this issue.

Heavyweights
World Champion
(Title Vacant)

(Group 1)
Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio

(Group 2)
1—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
2—Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.
3—Bruce Woodcock, England
4—Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J.

(Group 3)
1—Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Calif.
2—Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
4—Omelio Agramonte, Cuba
5—Kid Riviera, St. Louis, Mo.
6—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.

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Class 1

Cesar Brion, Argentina; Joe Cheshul, Bayonne, N. J.; Dutch Culbertson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.

Arturo Godoy, Chile; Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.; John Holman, Chicago, Ill.; Al Hoosman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Roland La Starza, Bronx, N. Y.; Joe Lindsay, New York, N. Y.

Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.; Vern Mitchell, Detroit, Mich.; Elmer Ray, Hastings, Fla.; Bernie Reynolds, Fairfield, Conn.; Hein Ten Hoff, Germany; Jo Weiden, Austria; Aaron Wilson, Paris, France.

Class 2

Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Freddy Beshore, El Monte, Calif.; Abel Cestac, Argentina; Colion Chaney, Indianapolis, Ind.; Don Cockell, England.

Vern Escoe, Toronto, Canada; Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Huntington, W. Va.; Jack Flood, Seattle, Wash.; Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash.; Alf. Gallagher, Australia; Jack Gardner, England; Babe Hardrock Gordon, Roseburg, Ore.; Richard Grupe, Germany; Johnny Haynes, Los Angeles, Calif.

Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Jones, Camden, N. J.; Maynard Jones, Wilmington, Del.; Alabama Kid, Columbus, Ohio; Rex Layne, Los Angeles, Calif.

Tami Mauriello, New York, N. Y.; Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Stephen Olek, France; Rusty Payne, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sid Peaks, Louisville, Ky.; Willard Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.

Johnny Shkor, Boston, Mass.; Al Spaulding, San Diego, Calif.; Elza Thompson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Earl Walls, Toronto, Canada; Bill Weinberg, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Williams, England.

Class 3

Phil Alston, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nisse Andersen, Sweden; Reg Andrews, England; Sonny Andrews, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Arthur, South Africa; Willie Bean, Los Angeles, Calif; Len Bennett, England; Tony Bosnich, San Francisco, Calif.

Elkins Brothers, New Castle, Pa.; Paco Bueno, Spain; Eddie Cameron, Miami, Fla.; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.

Joe Domonic, Springfield, Mass.; Vince Donnelly, Minneapolis, Minn.; Bob Gardner, Louisville, Ky.; Bill Gilliam, Newark, N. J.; Bert Gilroy, Scotland; Augustino Guedes, Allentown, Pa.

Walter Hafer, Maysville, Ky.; Richard Hagen, Chicago, Ill.; Dale Hall, Los Angeles, Calif.; Grant Hodges, Paterson, N. J.; Jimmy Holden, Elizabeth, N. J.; Henry Jones, Detroit, Mich.

Joe Kahut, Woodburn, Ore.; George Kaplan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Curt Kennedy, Wichita, Kan.; Steve King, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Kukard, South Africa; Jay Lambert, West Jordan, Utah.

Archie McBride, New Hope, Pa.; Billy McClure, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sandy McPherson, Tulsa, Okla.; Joe Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Carl Nielsen, Denmark; Charlie Norkus, Bayonne, N. J.; Mack Parshay, Detroit, Mich.

Bill Peterson, Seattle, Wash.; Oiva Purho, Finland; Johnny Ralph, South Africa; Freddie Schott, Akron, Ohio; Buddy Scott, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ken Shaw, Scotland; Bob Sikes, Little Rock, Ark.; Angel Sotillo, Argentina; Ray Stevens, San Francisco, Calif.

Roy Thomas, New York City; Carmine Vingo, New York City; Andy Walker, San Francisco, Calif.; Piet Wilde, Belgium; Dusty Wilkerson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bill Wilson, Hickory, N. C.; Nick Wolmarans, South Africa.

Class 4

Jerry Abaadi, Rutherford, N. J.; George Abinet, San Francisco, Calif.; Percy Allen, New York; Fidel Arciniega, Spain; Nelson Barnes, Baltimore, Md.

Whitey Berlier, Houston, Tex.; Gino Bofi, Hoboken, N. J.; Pedro Bradley, Cleveland, Ohio; Ernie Brown, Houston, Tex.; Eugene Brown, Omaha, Nebr.; Willie Brown, New York City.

Frank Buford, Oakland, Calif.; Mike Buha, Los Angeles, Calif; John Calcinore, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Champion, Cleveland, Ohio; Jeff Clanton, Buffalo, N. Y.; Willie Clemmons, Indianapolis, Ind.

Don Compo, Binghamton, N. Y.; James Patrick Connoly, Boston, Mass.; Ernie Conyer, Camden, N. J.; Eddie Davis, New York; Willie Davis, Akron, Ohio; Ponce De Leon, Spokane, Wash.; Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, Ind.

Tommy Di Giorgio, Schenectady, N. Y.; Jimmy Evans, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Freddy Fiducia, Newark, N. J.; Tommy Giorgio, Passaic, N. J.; Bob Golden, Akron, Ohio.

Henry Harris, Paterson, N. J.; Ben Harrison, Washington, D. C.; Tony Jess, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Johnny Kapovich, Baltimore, Md.; Syl Kuchinski, Buffalo, N. Y.

Jackie Lyons, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Johnny Melko, Worcester, Mass.; Don Mogard, Toronto, Canada; Leo Peitras, Toronto, Ont., Canada; Whitey Peterson, Omaha, Nebr.; Earl Red Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.; Johnny Pretzie, Cambridge, Mass.; Pat Richards, Philadelphia, Pa.

Don Riffe, Binghamton, N. Y.; Rickey Ronci, Youngstown, Ohio; Sylvester Salters, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tommy Samson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Keen Simmons, Bayonne, N. J.; Al Smith, New York City; Chuck Stanton, Oakland, Calif.

Art Swiden, New Kensington, Pa.; Desry Sykes, Chicago, Ill.; Hank Thurman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Neil Wallace, Durham, N. C.; James Walls, Englewood, N. J.

Ted Walters, New York City; Jim Watkins, Indianapolis, Ind.; Grady Welch, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio; Harry Wills, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Wilson, Camden, N. J.; Tommy Woodward, Columbus, Ohio.

Light-Heavyweights
World's Champion
Freddie Mills, England

(Group 1)
1—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
2—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
3—Freddie Mills, England
4—Leonard Morrow, Oakland, Calif.

(Group 2)
1—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Bert Lytell, Fresno, Calif.
3—Bob Murphy, San Diego, Calif.
4—Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.
5—Dave Whitlock, San Francisco, Calif.
6—Nick Barone, Syracuse, N. Y.
7—Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa.

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Class 1

Wiley Burns, Philadelphia, Pa.; Grant Butcher, San Francisco, Calif.; Bob Dunlap, Oakland, Calif.; Henry Hall, New Orleans, La.; Mark Hart, England; Yova Kid, Cuba.

Sipio Lofton, Newark, N. J.; Floyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.; Remo Polideri, Toole, Utah; Albert Yvel, Algeria; Dick Wagner, Portland, Ore.; Vernon Williams, Atlantic City, N. J.; Chubby Wright, Reading, Pa.

Class 2

Bob Amos, Detroit, Mich.; Clinton Bacon, Indianapolis, Ind.; Emile Bentz, France; Dan Buceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.; Knud Christoffersen, Denmark; Gentle Daniel, Trinidad; Bill Davis, Indianapolis, Ind.; Pierre Doorenbosch, Holland; Eli Elandon, Belgium; Jan Graser, Luxembourg.

Kenny Harris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sonny Horne, Valley Stream, N. Y.; Dieter Hucks, Germany; George Hunter, South Africa; Reuben Jones, Norfolk, Va.; Julie Keene, Washington, D. C.

Artie Levine, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ted Lowry, New Bedford, Mass.; Jackie Marr, Australia; Pat McCafferty, Topeka, Kan.; Johnny Oliver, Louisville, Ky.; Jean Sierres, Luxembourg; Richard Vogt, Germany; Tiger Warrington, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Class 3

Derek Alexander, England; Ray Augustus, Topeka, Kan.; Johnny Barton, England; Emile Bentz, France; Dom Bernardo, Windsor, Ont., Canada; Gabriel Bigotte, France.

Battling Blackjack, Phoenix, Ariz.; Ted Calaman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lee Campione, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Carroll, England; Lucien Corinthian, France, Garnett Denny, Ireland; Johnny Dupree, Jackson, Fla.

Wiley Ferguson, Kearney, Nebr.; Gene Fowler, Canada; Billy Fox, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Governale, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bill Handlin, Flint, Mich.; Jervis Jamel, Vancouver, B. C.

Watson Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Modzele, New Kensington, Pa.; Bob O'Bannon, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Lonnie Rutherford, Roanoke, Va.; Ginger Saad, England.

Jim Slade, New York City; John L. Sullivan, Portland, Ore.; John Swanson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jock Taylor, England; Renato Tontini, Italy; Vincent Villavicencio, Mexico; Fred Vorster, South Africa; Baby Joe Walcott, Duluth, Minn.

Class 4

Kid Alfonso, Monroe, Mich.; Alex Arella, McKeesport, Pa.; James Arnold, Chicago, Ill.; Charlie Banks, Cincinnati, Ohio; Johnny Barnett, Springfield, Mass.; Johnny Bassett, Burlington, Vt.; Phil Berman, New York City; Jerry Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nick Bufalino, Coney Island, N. Y.; Jose Cardenas, Mexico; Jimmy Casa, New York City; Tony Casas, Cuba; Harry Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Matthew Daniels, Washington, D. C.; Chuck Davis, Johnstown, Pa.

Leonard Finger, Omaha, Nebr.; Marty Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mike Franco, Jersey City, N. J.; Esco Green, New York, N. Y.; Billy Guy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harry Haft, Paterson, N. J.; John Hardy, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Jackie Harris, Albany, N. Y.; John Heinowski, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Johnny Holt, Baltimore, Md.

Willie Johnson, Louisville, Ky.; Rodney Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frankie Klobucar, Hammond, Ind.; Billy McCoy, Freeport, Tex.; John McFall, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ian McNeil, Montreal, Canada.

Ike Martin, Washington, D. C.; Angel Martinez, Newark, N. J.; Pete Moore, Fall River, Mass.; Eddie Osgood, Chicago, Ill.; Shorty Padilla, Los Angeles, Calif.; Saint Paul, Springfield, Mass.

Israel Quitcon, Puerto Rico; Eddie Richardson, Paterson, N. J.; Harold Sampson, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Larry Shaw, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Sheets, Chicago, Ill.; Clarence Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Don Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mike Sobol, Montreal, Canada; Virgil Strauss, Chicago, Ill.; Ernie Toretto, New York City; Roy Voris, San Francisco, Calif.

Billy Walker, Saybrook, Conn.; Earl Ward, Hollywood, Calif.; Amos Williams, Chicago, Ill.; Kid Wolfe, Washington, D. C.; Mack Woods, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Zastre, Winnipeg, Canada.

Middleweights
World's Champion
Jake LaMotta, New York, N. Y.

(Group 1)
1—Jake LaMotta, New York, N. Y.
2—Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.
3—Dave Sands, Australia
4—Steve Belloise, New York, N. Y.
5—Robert Villemain, Paris, France
6—Tiberio Mitri, Italy

(Group 2)
1—Art Towne, New York, N. Y.
2—Carl Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
3—Laurent Dauthuille, France
4—Lee Sala, Donora, Pa.
5—Rocky Graziano New York, N. Y.

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Class 1

George Angelo, South Africa; Jose Basora, Puerto Rico; Henry Brimm, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pat Byers, Kannopolis, N. C.; Walter Cartier, New York City.

Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.; Robert Charron, France; Clyde Coyhis, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gus Degouve, France; Joey DeJohn, Syracuse, N. Y.; Cyrille Delannoit, Belgium; Albert Finch, England; Jerome Frazier, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Harold Green, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Norman Horton, Dayton, Ohio; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, Ohio; Bert Hyland, Ireland; Tony Janiro, Youngstown, Ohio; Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sylvester Perkins, Chicago, Ill.

Anton Raadik, Chicago, Ill.; Tony Riccio, Bayonne, N. J.; Lee Sala, Donora, Pa.; Jean Stock, France; Joe Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; Earl Turner, Richmond, Calif.; Dick Turpin, England; Randolph Turpin, England; Luc Van Dam, Holland.

Larry Villeneuve, Providence, R. I.; Kenny Watkins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Welch, Columbus, Ohio; Charley Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Class 2

Serge Barthelemy, Guadeloupe; Riccardo Battaglia, Italy; Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Alex Buxton, England; Lucien Caboche, France; Gaston Chambraud, France; Bruce Crawford, England; Jimmy Curl, San Antonio, Tex.; Len Dittmar, Australia.

Jimmy Flood, New York City; Billy Gordon, Fall River, Mass.; Otis Graham, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Gray, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Green, Asheville, N. C.; Sulo Gustafson, Finland; Vince Hawkins, England; Albert Heyen, Belgium; Joe Hyman, British Guiana; Bill Jackson, British West Indies; Ern Jarvis, Australia; Kaffir Kiteman, African Gold Coast; Lucien Krawczyk, France.

Herbie Kronowitz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dick Langley, England; Mickey Laurent, France; Vern Lester, New York City; Bobby Mann, Trenton, N. J.; Kid Marcel, Algeria; Harry "Kid" Matthews, Seattle, Wash.; Roger Murill, Elizabeth, N. J.

Bos Murphy, New Zealand; Freddie Newbill, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mario Ochoa, Cuba; Chico Pacheco, Brazil; Paul Pender, Brookline, Mass.; Carlo Prandoline, Australia; Al Red Priest, Boston, Mass.; Joe Rindone, Boston, Mass.

George Ross, Halifax, N. S., Canada; George Small, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gilbert Stock, France; Jimmy Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ron Toohey, Australia; Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.; Jimmy Walters, New York City; Jean Wanes, France; Bob Ward, San Francisco, Calif.; Freddie Webb, Ireland; Junior Washington, San Diego, Calif.; Sammy Wilde, African Gold Coast; Alvin Williams, Wichita, Kan.

Class 3

Armando Amanini, New York; Cleve Bailey, Vineland, N. J.; Kenny Barton, Topeka, Kan.; Jimmy Beau, Norwalk, Conn.; Sal Belloise, New York City; Joe Blackwood, Paterson, N. J.; Gene Boland, Detroit, Mich.

Billy Brown, Hartford, Conn.; Randy Brown, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Ben Buker, Madrid, Spain; Jackie Burke, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Van Butler, Trenton, N. J.; Burl Charity, Youngstown, Ohio; Henry Chemel, Old Orchard, Me.; Vinnie Cidone, Coney Island, N. Y.

Dave Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio; Leroy Coleman, Lodi, N. J.; Billy Corbett, Cedro Wooley, Wash.; Frankie Cordino, Paterson, N. J.; Vic Costa, New York City; Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.; Jerry Coursal, Miami, Fla.; Joe Curcio, Newark, N. J.; Primos Cutler, Paulsboro, N. J.

Bill Daley, Brookline, Mass.; Frankie Daniels, Bakersfield, Calif.; Joe Danos, Denver, Colo.; Bobby Dawson, New York City; Dewill Dean, Trenton, N. J.; Tony De Micco, Schenectady; Andy De Paul, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Fist Dever, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sal DiMartino, Hartford, Conn.; Roger Donahue, Yonkers, N. Y.

Charlie Dotson, Reading, Pa.; Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.; Don Ellis, Atlantic City, N. J.; Tommy Englehart, Astoria, N. Y.; Al Evans, Montreal, Canada; Buddy Farrell, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Herring, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Nap Howard, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cecil Hudson, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Johnny Izzo, Ellwood City, Pa.; Paul Kayler, Sacramento, Calif.; Paul Kennedy, Longview, Ore.; Johnny Kilday, Jacksonville, Fla.; Marion Klingensmith, Brownsville, Pa.; Joe Lassiter, Charlotte, N. C.; Don Lee, Omaha, Nebr.

Eddie Marmo, Paterson, N. J.; Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.; Floyd Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pat O'Connor, Ireland; Tommy O'Connor, Huntington, L. I., N. Y.; Eddie O'Neill, Detroit, Mich.; Oscar Penn, Richmond, Calif.

Toby Reid, Jacksonville, Fla.; Al Rosasco, New York City; Danny Ruggerio, Bronx, N. Y.; Milo Savage, Seattle, Wash.; Jerry Slavin, Minneapolis, Minn.; Eddie Soares, Providence, R. I.; Ken Stribling, Bartimore, Md.

Lou Valles, New York City; Carmine Vitale, New York City; Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore.; Coley Welch, Portland, Me.; Wilbur Wilson, Roxbury, Mass.; Roy Wouters, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Pete Zaduck, Montreal, Canada.

Class 4

Charley Adams, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harry Alberts, Middletown, Conn.; Gus Aldridge, Macon, Ga.; Harold Alle, Boston, Mass.; Dick Allen, Baltimore, Md.; Mitchell Allan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ernesto Amado, Mexico.

Tony Amato, Union City, N. J.; Andy Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Clyde Anderson, Waterloo, Iowa; Red Archie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jackie Armitage, New Kensington, Pa.; Red Arrow, Tulsa, Okla.; Joe Arthur, Indianapolis, Ind.; Joe Aurillo, Chester, Pa.; Mike Azadian, New York City.

Horace Bailey, New York City; Jesse Baker, Roanoke, Va.; Tony Baldoni, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Bobby Baldwin, Englewood, N. J.; Dave Ball, Portland, Ore.; Cliff Barnett, Los Angeles, Calif.; Page Beckwith, Baltimore, Md.; Mac Begin, Quebec, Canada.

Frankie Belanger, Quebec, Canada; Tony Bertucci, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harry Bilzerian, Worcester, Mass.; Izzie Blum, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gene Boland, Chicago, Ill.; Jackie Botnovich, Rochester, N. Y.; Bill Bradley, New Castle, Pa.; Jesse Bradshaw, Toledo, Ohio; Ted Brassley, Portland, Me.

Art Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; Charley Brown, New York City; Johnny Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leo Brown, Albany, N. Y.; Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn.

Joe Brunwasser, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ray Bryan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Burgos, Puerto Rico; James Burke, Chicago, Ill.; Ernie Butler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Don Cain, Seattle, Wash.; Jay Caldwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dick Callahan, Dorchester, Mass.; Bill Campbell, New York City.

Joey Cardinal, Rochester, N. Y.; Benny Carnes, Kansas City, Mo.; Eddie Carroll, Montreal, Canada; Gene Cartwright, Dayton, Ohio; Jimmy Casson, Sharpsburg, Pa.; Charlie Cato, Oakland, Calif.; Jim Cerello, Hoboken, N. J.; Emerson Charles, Paterson, N. J.; Frankie Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dom Cirello, New York City; George Clark, Washington, D. C.; Al Cliff, Portland, Ore.; Charley Clinton, Detroit, Mich.; Spencer Coleman, San Diego, Calif.; Harold Collier, Camden, N. J.; Ray Collins, Tampa, Fla.; Rocky Compitello, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jackie Condon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Cone, Kokomo, Ind.; Jose Contreras, Fall River, Mass.; Cushman Cordell, Columbus, Ohio; Gus Cossifos, Yonkers, N. Y.

Al Couture, Lewiston, Me.; J. J. Crackwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sam Crawford, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Ray Cruz, New York City; Roy Daniels, Los Angeles, Calif.; Paul Darby, Detroit, Mich.; Rudy Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bob Davis, Worcester, Mass.; Reecy Davis, Beaumont, Tex.; Acie Dearing, Houston, Tex.; Ted Di Giammo, Bergen, N. J.; Gene Dillsworth, San Francisco, Calif.; Jimmy Dinardo, Berlin, N. H.; Ramon Dioses, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bill Dockery, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dowdell Bert, Detroit, Mich.; Ernie Doyle, Michigan City, Mich.; Mickey Doyle, Cleveland, Ohio; Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill.; Ernie Drummer, Syracuse, N. Y.; Jackie Dugan, Toronto, Canada; Kelly Duncan, Charlotte, N. C.; Harry Dunn, Chicago, Ill.; Jackie Dwyer, Dorchester, Mass.; Al Dyckman, Bronx, N. Y.

Garland Edwards, Washington, D. C.; Jimmy Edwards, New York City; Ossie Farrell, Halifax, N. S., Canada; Esau Ferdinand, San Francisco, Calif.; Billy Fifield, Toronto, Ont., Canada; Dick Finley, Los Angeles, Calif.; Claude Flager, Buffalo, N. Y.; Arnold Fleiger, Chatham, N. B., Canada; Jerry Fleming, Rochester, Minn.; Freddy Flores, New York, N. Y.

Sal Flores, Los Angeles, Calif.; Matt Flynn, Scranton, Pa.; Andy Fowler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kenneth Frymire, Williamsport, Pa.; Leon Gabriel, Atlantic City, N. J.; Dick Gallivan, Boston, Mass.

Vince Gambill, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Tito Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rocky Gatlin, New Orleans, La.; Ernie Genell, Scranton, Pa.; Joe Giardello, Southwark, Pa.; Billy Gillespie, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lon Gillespie, Long Island City, N. Y.; Mike Gillo, New Haven, Conn.

Frankie Gimbel, Spokane, Washington; Cecil Graff, Detroit, Mich.; Jack Graham, Beaumont, Tex.; Tony Grich, San Pedro, Calif.; Eddie Halligan, Spokane, Wash.; Arthur Harris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Harris, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tom Harris, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Hass, Harrisburg, Pa.; Paul Hawks, Beacon, New York.

Jan Henri, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Holmer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gordon Ifill, Cambridge, Mass.; Grover Jackson, San Francisco, Calif.; Sheriff Jackson, Columbus, Ohio; Bobby James, Jamaica, N. Y.; John Jennings, New London, Conn.; John Jennings, Idaho.

Pedro Jiminez, Vallejo, Calif.; Ben (Preacher) Jones, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cordell Jones, San Francisco, Calif.; Norman Kelly, Bronx, N. Y.; Jackie Keough, Cleveland, Ohio; Steve Klepeis, Clifton, N. J.; George Kolarik, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mickey Lane, Boston, Mass.; Jimmy Langston, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Al Lemiere, Manchester, N. H.; Milton Lightfoot, Boston, Mass.; Freddie Lott, Newark, N. J.; Kenny Lonegrove, Paterson, N. J.; Johnny Luz, New Bedford, Mass.

Morrie McFarland, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bill McGee, San Mateo, Calif.; Bobby McGuire, Troy, N. Y.; Mickey McGuire, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tony Maffe, Newark, N. J.; Danny Mann, Orange, N. J.; Angelo Marino, Baltimore, Md.; Mario Marino, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Masciarelli, Bronx, N. Y.; Danny Mendez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bert Mendoza, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Miller, Dayton, Ohio; Reuben Miller, New York, N. Y.; Bobby Morgan, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.; Boots Nelson, California; Tony Netro, Warren, Ohio; Tex Newby, Baltimore, Md.; Lou Nunes, Portland, Ore.; Danny Nunn, San Francisco, Calif.

Jimmy O'Brien, Baltimore, Md.; Ted Olla, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Eddie Outlaw, Jacksonville, Fla.; Bob Patterson, San Francisco, Calif.; Ike Patton, Hawaii; Duke Peaks, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lew Perez, Puerto Rico; Johnny Peverada, Portland, Me.; Dan Pinto, Columbus, Ohio; Ray Pratt, Providence, R. I.

Frank Rao, San Francisco, Calif.; Tim Regan, Ireland; Al Renshaw, Hartford, Conn.; Joe Reyes, Rock Island, Ill.; Scott Richardson, Washington, D. C.; Tony Rose, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Ross, Boston, Mass.; Bob Rossie, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Eddie Russey, San Francisco, Calif.

Mike Saad, Manchester, N. H.; Steve Sabatino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bill Sanders, Springfield, Mass.; Hurley Sanders, Newark, N. J.; Country Sherman, Belleville, N. J.; Bob Shoemaker, Cincinnati, Ohio; Oswaldo Silvo, Brazil; Chuck Simmons, Detroit, Mich.; Rocky Slater, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chester Slider, Oakland, Calif.

Joe Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Nate Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jack Snapp, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Jimmy Snedeker, Plainfield, N. J.; Maxie Spoon, Montreal, Canada.

Bob Stecher, Portland, Me.; Eddie Steele, Macon, Ga.; Howell Steen, Dallas, Tex.; Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn.; John Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; Herb Tessier, Springfield, Mass.; Gene Thomas, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ray Thomas, New York City.

Roland Thompson, Newark, N. J.; Bobby Tighe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lanny Trader, New Haven, Conn.; Joe Trofe, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rudy Turner, Buffalo, N. Y.; Teddy Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Vern Turner, New York City.

Bruce Ubaldo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Varsos, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Dick Vess, Dayton, Ohio; Chet Vinci, Rome, N. Y.; Emil (Terry) Wagner, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Matt Ward, New York City; George Warren, Indianapolis, Ind.

Jimmy Watson, Omaha, Nebr.; Earl Wenbourne, Lincoln, Nebr.; Roger Whynott, Halifax, N. S., Canada; Bobby Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Gilly Williams, Rome, N. Y.; Bobby Wilson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Al Winn, Bronx, N. Y.

Welterweights

World's Champion

Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.

(Group 1)

Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.

(Group 2)

1—Kid Gavilan, Cuba
2—George Costner, Cincinnati, Ohio
3—Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.
4—Charley Fusari, Irvington, N. J.

(Group 3)

1—Lester Felton, Detroit, Mich.
2—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
3—Ronnie Delaney, Akron, Ohio
4—Gene Burton, New York, N. Y.
5—Frankie Fernandez, Honolulu, T. H.
6—Ross Virgo, Rochester, N. Y.
7—Terry Young, New York, N. Y.

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Class 1

Frankie Abrams, Detroit, Mich.; Orlando Cepeda, Cuba; Kev Delaney, Australia; Bobby Dykes, San Antonio, Tex.; Jesse Flores, Stockton, Calif.

Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Graham, New York, N. Y.; Johnny Greco, Canada; Eugene Hairston, Bronx, N. Y.; Fernando Janilli, Italy; Philip Kim, Hawaii; Jimmy King, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.

John Le Broi, Gary, Ind.; Bobby Lee, Baltimore, Md.; Bert Linam, Austin, Tex.; Joe Miceli, New York, N. Y.; Livio Minelli, Italy; Terry Moore, Baltimore, Md.; Nick Moran, Mexico; Tony Pellone, New York City; Raoul Perez, Cuba; Yrjoe Piitulainen, Finland.

Tuzo Kid Portuguez, Costa Rica; Tomm Ramirez, Houston, Tex.; Doug Ratford, New York City; Constant Reypens, Belgium; Charlie Salas, Phoenix, Ariz.; Eddie Thomas, Wales; Mickey Tollis, Australia; Buster Tyler, Newark, N. J.; Chico Varona, Cuba.

Benny Walker, Oakland, Calif.; Charley Williams, Newark, N. J.; Don Williams, Worcester, Mass.; Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.

Class 2

Les Allen, England; Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.; Tommy Armour, Ireland; Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Ludevico Bert, Italy; Jack Braddock, England; Abd Ben Buker, Spain; Sonny Bunn, Washington, D. C.; Don Carr, South Africa; Roy Carter, New York City.

Johnny Cesario, Boston, Mass.; Titi Clavel, France; Jack Coles, Wales; Cliff Curvis, Wales; Johnny Dabbs, Beaumont, Tex.; Alf Danahar, England; Mike De Cosmo, Elizabeth, N. J.; Emile Delmine, Belgium; Baby Day, Wilmington, Del.; Jean De Bruin, Holland; Giel De Roode, Holland; Billy Exley, England; Gaby Ferland, Montreal, Canada.

Robert (Buddy) Garcia, Galveston, Tex.; Norman Geht, Australia; Clarrie Gordon, New Zealand; Rafael Guittierez, Mexico; Bernie Hall, Australia, Henry Hall, England; Maurice Harper, Oakland, Calif.; Harry Hayes, Australia; Henri Hecquart, France; Charles Humezt, France; Johnny Kaufman, Rochester, N. Y.; Omar Kouidri, Algeria.

Aldo Minelli, Italy; Al Mobley, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Molloy, England; Jim Nolan, Calgary, Canada; Pat Patrick, South Africa; Joe Perks, England; Egisto Peyre, Italy; Jack Phillips, Wales; Fitzie Pruden, Canada; Bill Rattrey, Scotland; Jimmy Reeves, Australia.

Chester Rico, Bronx, N. Y.; Ernie Roderick, England; Job Roos, Holland; Ric Sanders, England; Alfie Sands, Australia; Clem Sands, Australia; George Sherman, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Robert Takeshita, Honolulu, Hawaii; Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa.; Jack Toomey, Australia; Vince Turpin, Canton, Ohio.

Piet Van Staden, South Africa; Erma Vickers, England; Roger Vivances, Spain; Jean Walzack, France; Tommy Watts, Australia; Joe Webster, Australia; Willie Whyte, Scotland; Allan Wilkins, Wales; Elwyn Williams, Wales; Willie Wimms, Belgium; Bee Bee Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paddy Young, New York City; Baby Zavala, Mexico.

Class 3

Don Alderson, Cannonsburg, Pa.; Roman Alvarez, New York, N. Y.; Alex Amador, San Francisco, Calif.; Dave Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Joey Angelo, Providence, R. I.

Melvin Bartholomew, New Orleans, La.; Bill Brenner, Vancouver, B. C.; Johnny Britenbruck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gene Buffalo, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Ted Bussey, Buffalo, N. Y.

Vic Cardell, Hartford, Conn.; Joey Carkido, Youngstown, Ohio; Tony Ciarlo, Waterbury, Conn.; El Conscripto, Mexico; Al Costantino, New York City; Baby Coullimber, Cuba.

Joe "Red" D'Amato, Youngstown, Ohio; Al Guido, New York City; Walter Haines, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Hammond, Riverside, N. J.; Sonny Kim Hampston, Buffalo, N. Y.; Cliff Hart, Syracuse, N. Y.; Glen Hendershot, Binghamton, N. Y.; Al Hersh, New York, N. Y.

Buddy Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.; Eddie Holloway, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chief Gordon House, Houston, Tex.; Don Jensen, San Francisco, Calif.; Tommy Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; Clarence (Honey) Johnson, Grays Ferry, Pa.; Henry Jordon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lon Joseph, Seattle, Washington.

Pete Kennedy, White Plains, N. Y.; Mike Kobella, Pittsburgh, Pa.

George LaRover, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack Larrimore, Miami, Fla.; Mongo Luciano, Butchertown, Calif.; Herman McCray, Philadelphia, Pa.; Shamus McCray, Cleveland, Ohio; Mario Marino, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Joe Martino, Newark, N. J.

Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hy Melzer, New York, N. Y.; Hal Meredith, Macon, Ga.; Wilfredo Miro, Cuba; Bobby Neal, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Fairest Norman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Bobby Red Perkins, Manchester, N. H.; Joe Pyle, New Waterford, N. S., Canada.

Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis, Ind.; Chuchu Ruiz, Mexico; Jimmy Sanders, Warren, Ohio; Johnny Saxton, New York City; Joe Sgro, Indianapolis, Ind.; Art Soto, Oakland, Calif.; Charley Spicer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Irvin Steen, San Diego, Calif.

Hugh Sublett, Detroit, Mich.; Art Suffoletta, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lloyd Tate, Philadelphia, Pa.; Freddie Veratti, Springfield, Mass.; Frankie Vigeant, Hartford, Conn.

Billy Wade, New York City; Jackie Wilson, Quincy, Mass.; Dick Wolfe, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Junius Woods, Buffalo, N. Y.; Billy Wyatt, Trenton, N. J.

Class 4

Dean Abney, Salem, Ore.; Ray Acosta, Los Angeles, Calif.; Albert Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Freddie Addeo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Al Adele, New York; Fidel Aguilar, Los Angeles, Calif.; Leroy Andrews, Albany, N. Y.; Bill Andy, Providence, R. I.; Jack Armstrong, Manchester, Conn.; Joe Atria, New York City.

Emil Barao, Haywood, Calif.; Vince Barnes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Arturo Barron, San Francisco, Calif.; Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tommy Bazzano, Middletown, Conn.; Louis Bell, Lowell, Mass.; Elmer Beltz, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Benton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnny Bernardo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Berquist, Milford, Mass.; Warren Berquist, Woonsocket, R. I.; George Berry, Chicago, Ill.; Benny Black, San Diego, Calif.; Jack Boderone, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Joe Bonadies, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Bove, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Patsy Brandino, Hamilton, Ont., Canada; Joe Brewer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rocky Brisebois, Montreal, Canada; Ellis Brooks, San Francisco, Calif.; Frankie Brown, San Francisco, Calif.; Ken Brown, Detroit, Mich.; Lawrence Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; Natie Brown, Albany, N. Y.; Ray Brown, Detroit, Mich.

Bobby Burgess, Vallejos, Calif.; Joe Burns, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Burrows, New York City; Phil Burton, St. Louis, Mo.

Pelon Cabrera, Mexico; Bobby Caesar, Troy, N. Y.; Rudy Campa, Hollywood, Calif.; Richie Cannady, Newark, N. J.; Frank Capcino, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frankie Cavini, New York City; Gene Carlisle, Louisville, Ky.

Richard Carvillo, Stockton, Calif.; Bobby Carson, Hartford, Conn.; Fernand Cervan, Canada; Tommy Chamberlain, Trenton, N. J.; Jimmy Chaney, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bill Chappy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Chatmon, Buffalo, N. Y.; Angel Chavez, Springfield, Mass.

Willie Cheatum, Newark, N. J.; Buster Chikami, Oakland, Calif.; Phil Childress, Chicago, Ill.; Robert Childress, Chicago, Ill.; Tony Cimmone, East Liberty, Pa.; Kenny Clark, New York City; Bobby Claus, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dave Cochran, Buffalo, N. Y.

Willard Coffey, Huntington, W. Va.; Gene Coleman, Paterson, N. J.; Rudy Coleman, San Francisco, Calif.; Curtis Coles, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mario Coll, Cuba; Joe Congliaro, Ozone Park, N. Y.

Tony Conn, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James Conroy, New York City; Jackie Cooper, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bobby Copeland, New York City; Angel Cordova, Puerto Rico.

Tony Corrales, Los Angeles, Calif.; Levi Cote, Montreal, Canada; Charlie Cotton, Toledo, Ohio; Al Cowan, Spokane, Wash.; Jimmy Cox, Dallas, Tex.; Leonard Craig, Omaha, Nebr.; Johnny Crosby, Bronx, N. Y.; Tello Cruz, Mexico; John Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.

Johnny Darby, Paterson, N. J.; Leon Daughtry, Bellingham, Wash.; Art Davis, Miami, Fla.; Calvin Davis, New York City; Johnny "Cisco" Davis, Tampa, Fla.; Jimmy De Cerio, Norristown, N. J.; Rocky DeCiantes, Providence, R. I.; Dino Dell, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Dell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joey Dell, New Haven, Conn.

Jimmy De Metrios, New York City; Artie Diamond, New York City; Tony Di Pelino, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rocky Dixon, Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Dominguez, Hollywood, Calif.; Jim Donnelly, Astoria, L. I., N. Y.; Whitman Dorsh, Darby, Pa.; Rocky Bobo Drago, Louisville, Ky.; Jimmy Dugan, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joey Dunn, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jerry Dwain, Norfolk, Va.; Dolph Edwards, Des Moines, Iowa; Otis Edwards, Elizabeth, N. J.; Bobby Elliott, Miami, Fla.; Gene Elliott, Philadelphia, Pa.; Werner Enge, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Benny Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Emil Evans, Boston, Mass.; Bill Feeney, Bayonne, N. J.; Robert Fehl, Jersey City, N. J.

Lou Felice, Long Island, N. Y.; Al Fern, Tampa, Fla.; Georgie Fields, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frank Fisher, New York City; Young Tiger Flowers, Worcester, Mass.; Earl Flynn, San Francisco, Calif.; Bruce Foote, Endicott, N. Y.; Johnny Ford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cliff Fossman, Chicago, Ill.; Harvey Friedman, Bronx, N. Y.; Chuck Gibbons, Ellwood City, Pa.; Billy Gillespie, New Orleans, La.; Ralph Giordano, Newark, N. J.; Niel Goldsmith, Bronx, N. Y.; Eddie Goodman, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Goree, San Francisco, Calif.; Ray Gourley, Jersey City, N. J.; Ernie Greer, San Francisco, Calif.; Allie Gronik, Detroit, Mich.; Paul Guerrero, San Jose, Calif.

Guy Guarrette, Hartford, Conn.; Tony Guina, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Gene Gunter, Baltimore, Md.; Jesse Hagaus, Washington, D. C.; Ronnie Hamlin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Claude Hammond, New York, N. Y.; Gene Hardison, Norfolk, Va.; Woody Harper, San Francisco, Calif.; Hank Herring, Los Angeles, Calif.

John Hicks, Albany, N. Y.; Carter Holmes, Boston, Mass.; Eddie Holtz, Atlantic City, N. J.

Lonnie Hudson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Buddy Hull, Providence, R. I.; Vito Iacobellis, New York, N. Y.; Baby Ike, Los Angeles, Calif.

Stonewall Jackson, Washington, D. C.; Rolly Johns, Albany, N. Y.; Miles Jones, Washington, D. C.; Lucky Jordon, Providence, R. I.; Pat Kelly, Ireland; Joe Kersy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy King, Newark, N. J.; Jackie Krulewicz, New York, N. Y. Frankie Kruski, New York, N. Y.

Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, Lisbon, Me.; Sammy La Rotta, Belleville, N. J.; Milton Lattimore, Beacon, N. Y.; Gene Le Blanc, Fall River, Mass.; Rick Leland, Chicago, Ill.; Frankie Lentine, Youngstown, Ohio; Clifton Lester, Los Angeles, Calif.; Solly Levitt, New York, N. Y.

Gene Llanos, New York, N. Y.; Birdie Loffa, Elizabeth, N. J.; Jackie Loratt, Providence, R. I.; Mike Ludlon, Paterson, N. J.; Jimmy Lunn, Chicago, Ill.; Larry Lynn, Tampa, Fla.

George McCoy, Detroit, Mich.; Joe McDonald, Charleston, R. I.; James McGint, New York, N. Y.; Tommy McGowan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John McKenzie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sherman McNeil, Newark, N. J.

Carey Mace, Hartford, Conn.; Tommy Mack, Springfield, Mass.; Choforo Martinez, Mexico; Dave Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Vinnie Martinez, Paterson, N. J.; Bobby Mayeur, New Orleans, La.; Doug Medley, Louisville, Ky.; Jimmy Milligan, Paterson, N. J.

Angelo Morganti, Astoria, N. Y.; Joe Murray, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Genero Narvaes, Puerto Rico; Frankie Naneds, Puerto Rico; Jim Nickers, Bronx, N. Y.; Cagey Norris, Los Angeles, Calif.; Emil Ollison, San Francisco, Calif.

Johnny Paoletti, Akron, Ohio; Johnny Parker, Springfield, Mass.; Chango Patino, Houston, Texas; Willie Patterson, New York City; Billy Paul, Roxbury, Mass.; Tony Pelliterri, Springfield, Mass.; Ray Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dave Peters, New York City; Jerry Petronich, Peckville, Pa.; Tony Petty, Oakland, Calif.; Duke Pressley, Camden, N. J.; George Price, St. Paul, Minn.

Lester Quarles, Duluth, Minn.; Paddy Regan, Ireland; Sean Regan, Ireland; Donny Richardson, Trenton, N. J.; Hank Risk, Newburgh, N. Y.; Freddie Ruffin, Providence, R. I.; James Ryan, Newark, N. J.

Bill Salandich, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Gene Salisbury; Bayonne, N. J.; Young Salvatore, Oakland, Calif.; Leo Sawicki, Worcester, Mass.; Carlin Scott, New York City; Pete Servin, El Paso, Texas; Joe Simms, San Francisco, Calif.; Larry Simon, Montreal, Canada; Bobby Sinn, Newark, N. J.

Bucky Slocum, Philadelphia, Pa.; George B. Smith, Haverstraw, N. Y.; Marvin Smith, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; Ray Solomon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Billy Spangler, Shelby, N. C.; Jimmy Squadritto, Providence, R. I.; Cliff Stevens, Newark, N. J.; Walter Stevens, Newark, N. J.

James Stewart, Los Angeles, Calif.; James Suber, Greenville, S. C.; Billy Sudduth, Topeka, Kan.; Jimmy Sullivan, Boston, Mass.; James Tamponi, Plainfield, N. J.; Connie Thies, Buffalo, N. Y.; Stokes Thomas, Newark, N. J.; Charlie Thompson, Providence, R. I.; Bill Tierney, Cleveland, Ohio; Bob Torrance, Hollywood, Calif.

Lefty Torres, Havana, Cuba; Mannie Torres, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mario Torres, Los Angeles, Calif.; Oro Torres, New York City; Jess Turner, St. Louis, Mo.; Russell Turner, Chicago, Ill.; Baby Valdez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dom Venezia, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Viserto, New York City.

Cammy Walker, Springfield, Mass.; Buddy Walls, Sharpsburg, Pa.; Tommy Warnock, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Junius Washington, Oakland, Calif.; Johnny Wells, Boston, Mass.; Billy Why, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Williams, Ocean Park, Calif.

Clem Williams, Fall River, Mass.; Roy Wirt, Roanoke, Va.; Danny Momber, Chicago, Ill.; Leonard Woods, Chicago, Ill.; Rudy Zadell, Barberton, Ohio; Jimmy Zaicko, Baltimore, Md.

Lightweights

World's Champion

Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.

(Group 1)

1—Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.
2—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.

(Group 2)

1—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
2—Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, La.
3—Sonny Boy West, Baltimore, Md.
4—Art Aragon, Hollywood, Calif.

(Group 3)

1—Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill.
2—Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Kid Dussart, Belgium
5—Solly Cantor, Toronto, Canada
6—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class 1

Elis Ask, Finland; Roger Baour, France; Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.; James Carter, New York City; Carlos, Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Alfie Clay, Australia.

John L. Davis, Richmond, Calif.; Paddy De Marco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Georgie Dunn, Hartford, Conn.

Andre Famechon, France; Young Finnegan, Panama; Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.

Jose Gatica, Argentina; Norm Gent, Australia; Ivor Kid Germain, Barbados; Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.; Keith Hamilton, New Orleans, La.; Jack Hassen, Australia.

Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga.; Harold (Babyface) Jones, Detroit, Mich.; Herbie (Biff) Jones, Washington, D. C.; Tommy McGovern, England; Pierre Montane, France; Alfredo Prada, Argentina; Joseph Preys, Belgium; Roberto Proietti, Italy.

Luther Rawlings, Chicago, Ill.; Bob Sandberg,

Rockford, Ill.; Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; Billy Thompson, England; Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba.

Class 2

Cliff Anderson, British Guiana; Roy Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Charley Ashenden, Australia; Hal Bagwell, England; Ken Bailey, Australia; Johnny Barnham, England; Joey Barnum, Ocean Park, Calif.

Ritchie Callura, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Solly Cantor; Toronto, Canada; Durante Colletti, Italy; Jimmy Collins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Roy Cotte, England; Clem Custer, Detroit, Mich.

George Daly, England; Claude Dennington, England; Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati, Ohio; Alfredo Escobar, Los Angeles, Calif.; Peter Fallon, England; Johnny Flannigan, Scotland; Juste Fontaine, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bolton Ford, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Des Garrard, England.

Guillermo Giminez, Argentina; Andre Gonnet, France; Burma Hall, Australia; Frank Hermal, France; Freddie (Babe) Herman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bert Hornby, England; Harry Hughes, Scotland; Chris Jenkins, England; Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Texas; Julio Jiminez, Mexico; Georges Johansen, Denmark; Jim Keery, Ireland; Hocine Khalfa, Morocco.

Tony La Bua, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Gerard Laurent, France; Billy Lord, Australia; Simon Lucas, Mexico; Sonny Luciano, Paterson, N. J.; Maurice Mancini, England; Dave Marsh, Akron, Ohio; Jackie Marshall, Scotland; Mickey McDonald, Australia; Leandre Mateos, France; Miguel Mendinil, Cuba.

Paulino Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jean Mougin, France; Keith Nuttall, Brigham, Utah; Nevin Nipper O'Brien, Australia; Frank Parkes, England; George Pitt, Australia; Felix Ramirez, San Jose, Calif.; Willie Russell, Columbus, Ohio; Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J.

Antonio Salmeron, Morocco; Tommy Shaw, England; Calvin Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Smith, Scotland; Gerry Smyth, Ireland; Lem Thomas, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Toweel, South Africa; Roy Treasure, Australia; Mario Trigo, Mexico; Juan Valdez, Spain.

Joe Velez, Spokane, Wash.; Danny Webb, Montreal, Canada; Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, R. I.; Archie Whitewater, Oakland, Calif.; Al Wilburn, England.

Class 3

Tomas Beato, Santo Domingo; Joey Belfiore, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Beltram, New York City; Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Texas; Dennis Pat Brady, New York City; Paulie Brooks, Cleveland, Ohio; Santa Bucca, Philadelphia, Pa.

Raul Campos, Mexico; Eduardo Carrasco, Lima, Peru; Tony Chavez, San Jose, Calif.; Jimmy Corti, Trenton, N. J.

Tim Dalton, Chicago, Ill.; Teddy (Red Top) Davis, St. Louis, Mo.; Johnny (Red) De Fazio, Bayonne, N. J.; Villita De Juarez, Mexico; Johnny Dell, New York City; Nick Diaz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chalio Duran, Mexico; Little Dynamite, Washington, D. C.

Bill Eddy, San Jose, Calif.; Paul Esqueda, Mexico; Matios Fenoy, Spain; Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J.; Hermie Freeman, Eagle Lake, Me.

Lalo Gallardo, Mexico; Jesus Garcia, Cuba; Tommy Greb, Boston, Mass.; Ronnie Harper, Huntington, W. Va.; Joey Hartegan, New Orleans, La.; Billy Henderson, Lubbock, Texas; Bob Henry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Snooks Howard, Charlotte, S. C.; Ernie Hunick, West Jordan, Utah.

Lon Joyce, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joey Kushner, Syracuse, N. Y.; Georgie La Falgio, Bronx, N. Y.; Angel La Para, New Orleans, La.; Johnny La Russo, New York, N. Y.; Til Le Blanc, Canada; Leo LeBlond, Lewiston, Me.

Bobby Lloyd, Kingston, Pa.; Joe Lopez, Sacramento, Calif.; Rocky Lucero, Los Angeles, Calif.; Zeke Lucero, San Francisco, Calif.; Jean Mougin, France; Hubert Muller, New Orleans, La.; Billy Murphy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Billy Murray, Roxbury, Mass.

Pedro Ortega, Mexico; Baby Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Parker, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jean Richard, Montreal, Canada; Jimmy Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; Don Rogers, Portland, Ore.; Johnny Rome, Rochester, N. Y.

Dom Saia, Boston, Mass.; Pee Wee Swingler, Los Angeles, Calif.; Phil Terranova, New York City; Jesse Underwood, Huntington, W. Va.; Iggy Vaccari, Boston, Mass.; George Valdin, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tommy Vargas, San Diego, Calif.

Joey Varoff, New York City; Andy Viserto, New York City; Jimmy Warren, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buddy Washington, Pocatello, Idaho; Jay Watkins, Flint, Mich.; Jimmy Watkins, New London, Conn.; Tommy (Red) Wells, Manchester, N. H.

Jay White, Jersey City, N. J.; Johnny Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Leroy Willis, Detroit, Mich.

Class 4

Cam Agin, Zanesville, Ohio; Jimmy Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chino Alvarez, Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Arnevis, New Kensington, Pa.; Young Amos, North Adams, Mass.; Talbert Anderson, Chester, Pa.

Jose Andres, San Antonio, Texas; Art Andrews, Gary, Indiana; Carl Arakaki, Los Angeles, Calif.; Anthony Arnone, New Orleans, La.; Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.; Blondie Baggett, Tampa, Fla.; Charlie Banks, Buffalo, N. Y.

Frank Basil, Fulton, N. Y.; Lou Bernal, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bernie Bernard, New York City; Andy Bishop, Fall River, Mass.; Floyd Black, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dino Bleta, Canton, Ohio.

Ermano Bonetti, Milan, Italy; Gene Bova, Elizabeth, N. J.; Chick Boucher, Manchester, N. H.; Don Bowman, Asheville, N. C.; Lorenzo Breton, Quebec, Canada; Henry Briere, Putnam, Conn.; Joey Brocato, New York City.

Bobby Brooks, Worcester, Mass.; Jennings Brotherton, Richmond, Ky.; Jimmy Brown, Baltimore, Md.; L.D. Brown, San Francisco, Calif.; Sam Brown, Charleston, Ind.; James Burhus, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lawrence Burris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Byrnes, Philadelphia, Pa.

Carlos Camacho, New Orleans, La.; Rene Camacho, Miami, Fla.; Harry Caminita, New Orleans, La.; Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill.; Vic Capcino, Philadelphia, Pa.; Grady Caple, Kansas City, Mo.; Sidney Caple, Kansas City, Mo.; Jose Cardenas, Mexico.

Bobby Carew, Des Moines, Iowa; Young Carlos, San Jose, Calif.; Willard Carpenter, Binghamton, N. Y.; Johnny Carr, New York City; Darnell Carter, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Castor, Baltimore, Md.; Lou Castrilli, New York City; Jimmy Champagne, Philadelphia, Pa.

Benny Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chivero Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.; Marshall Clayton, New Orleans, La.; Willie Cliff, Huntington, W. Va.; Billy Cobby, Chicago, Ill.

Del Cockayne, Des Moines, Iowa; Billy Cofield, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Corona, Sacramento, Calif.; Herman Cosgrove, Montreal, Canada; Billy Creech, Chicago, Ill.; Pedro Crivello, Cambridge, Mass.; Aurillo Cruz, Mexico; Roberto Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.

Nick Darby, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.; Paul Davis, Detroit, Mich.; Pat Demer, Brockton, Mass.; Walter DeMines, Baltimore, Md.; Wilfie Dejardins, Calgary, Canada; Baby Joe Diaz, Cuba; Jose Diaz, Spain; Marvin Dick, New York City.

Harry Diduck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lawton Disoso, New Orleans, La.; Manuel Dizon, San Antonio, Tex.; Charlie Donovan, New York City; Matt Daugherty, Milwaukee, Wis.; Bernie Dowd, Livingston, N. J.; Don Doyle, Portland, Ore.

Georges "Curley" Drouin, Beverly, Mass.; Tony Ducharme, Fall River, Mass.; Herb Dudley, New York City; Ray Dulmaine, Worcester, Mass.; Len Durham, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Herb Eaton, Rome, N. Y.; John Eddington, Youngstown, Ohio; Chuck Edwards, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Evans, Syracuse, N. Y.

Frankie Fay, New Bedford, Mass.; Harold Fields, New York City; Armando Fiore, Newark, N. J.; Carmine Fiore, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Fisher, Denver, Colo.; Johnny Fisher, Pueblo, Colo.

Jimmy Folk, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Terry Forrest, Vancouver, B. C.; Jimmy Frederick, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Joe Gabrille, Orange, N. J.; Reuben Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.

Red Garrison, Spokane, Wash.; Leonard George, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Gilliard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Gilmer, Vallejo, Calif.; Mickey Gimbel, Roseburg, Ore.; Raymond Glenn, Chicago, Ill.; Walter Gomez, New Bedford, Mass.; Gilbert Gomez, El Paso, Texas.

Johnny Graham, Canada; Walter Hamm, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Hanecak, Holyoke, Mass.; Gene Harley, Washington, D.C.; Harry Hart, Columbus, Ohio; Stanley Hilliard, Passaic, N. J.; Graham Holmes, Manchester, N. H.

Curtis James, Hollywood, Calif.; Eddie Johnson, San Francisco, Calif.; Don Jones, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Harold Jordon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Young Junior, Springfield, Mass.

Johnny Kamber, Livingston, N. J.; Don Keeling, Cincinnati, Ohio; Joe Kelly, Cincinnati, Ohio; Walter Keyes, Greenville, S. C.; Ray Klingmeyer, Baltimore, Md.; Dick (Shorty) La Bohri, Newark, N. J.; Gerald La Broi, Chicago, Ill.; Bobby La Londe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Roger Lessard, Manchester, N. H.; Nelson Levering, Wichita, Kan.; Billy Liggett, Trenton, N. J.; Bruno Lijoi, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Al (Kid) McCoy, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Mickey McGuire, Boston, Mass.; Joe McPhee, Rochester, N. Y.

Johnny Marino, New York City; Mel Martinez, Stockton, Calif.; Tote Martinez, San Francisco, Calif.; Baby Mathis, Los Angeles, Calif.; Butch Maxwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Mays, Boston, Mass.; Fred Monforte, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Albert Moore, San Jose, Calif.; Ike (Spider) Moore, San Francisco, Calif.; Phil Morizio, New York City; Clarence Mosley, Paterson, N. J.; Frankie Muche, Niles, Ohio; Larry Mujica, New York City; Vincent Murray, New York City.

Al Nedoff, Gary, Ind.; Billy Neumont, Garfield, Pa.; Baby Navarez, Mexico; Bobby Nicholas, Hackensack, N. J.; Marty O'Keefe, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Pat O'Leary, Council Bluff, Iowa; Jeep O'Neil, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joey Ortega, Portland, Ore.

Jay Parlin, New York City; Baby Picazo, Mexico; Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Oscar Price, Madera, Calif.; Mike Prosper, New York City; Louis Quiles, Puerto Rico.

Cy Redmond, Washington, D. C.; Julius Reed, Atlantic City, N. J.; Joe Ricardo, Mexico City, Mexico; Tony Riccio, Boston, Mass.; Frankie Rivera, Kansas City, Kan.; Albert Roberts, Chicago, Ill.; Bob Rodriguez, Tampa, Fla.

Pablo Rodriguez, Cuba; Alfred Rojas, New York City; Frankie Romero, San Francisco, Calif.; Rafael Romero, Mexico; Bobby Rosado, New York City; Mario Rucci, Worcester, Mass.

Charley Scott, Covington, Ohio; Milton Scott, Gary, Ind.; Tommy Sheppard, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Art Smith, Providence, R. I.; Ben Smith, Hartford, Conn.; Eddie Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fred Smith, New York City.

Gene Spencer, Chicago, Ill.; Dick Stern, Reading, Pa.; Willie Stevenson, Providence, R. I.; James Sturgess, New York City.

Eddie Talavera, Hollywood, Calif.; James Thames, New York City; Paul Thibault, Montreal, Canada; Spider Thompson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bobby Timson, Youngstown, Ohio; Joe Torrens, Puerto Rico.

Robert Valentine, Puerto Rico; Blackie Vanderveer, Seattle, Wash.; Nazzarano Vitale, New Haven, Conn.; Jimmy Walker, Chicago, Ill.; Jackie Watkins, Homestead, Pa.; Ted Weems, Chicago, Ill.

Dickie Weinhold, Denver, Colo.; Jimmy West, Boston, Mass.; Calvin White, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Joe Wright, Fall River, Mass.; Vic Young, Biddeford, Me.; Al Zamora, Mexico; Kanaru Zavala, Mexico.

Featherweights
World's Champion
Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.

(Group 1)

1—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
2—Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.

(Group 2)

1—Ray Famechon, France
2—Ronnie Clayton, England
3—Henry Davis, Honolulu, T. H.

(Group 3)

1—Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
2—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Miguel Acevedo, Cuba
4—Tirso del Rosario, Philippine Islands
5—Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
6—Harold Dade, Chicago, Ill.

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Class 1

Luther Burgess, Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Burns, England; Alvaro Cerasini, Italy.

Eddie Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Johnny Efhan, Hawaii; Yiggo Fredriksen, Denmark; Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.; Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn.; Harry La Sane, Houston, Texas.

Jean Machterlinck, Belgium; Eddie Marotta, Cleveland, Ohio; Helge Rasmussen, Denmark; Negro Sandoval, Mexico.

Luis de Santiago, Spain; Humberto Sierra, Cuba; Allan Tanner, British Guiana.

Class 2

Ernesto Aguilar, Detroit, Mich.; Frankie Almond, Vancouver, Canada; Danny Carabella, Puerto Rico; Kid Chocolate, Panama; Beppe Colasanti, Italy; Jimmy Cooper, Washington, D.C.; Joe Cornelis, Belgium; Bernie Dunn, Australia; Frank Fitton, England; Frank Flannery, Australia.

Francisco Colon Garcia, Puerto Rico; Ruby Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.; Stan Gossip, England; Bernie Grant, Australia; Bert Jackson, England; Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, Ohio; Aaron Joshua, Calcutta, India.

Jim Kenny, Scotland; Gust Laurent, Belgium; Dave Landers, Australia; Marcel LeSage, France; Charles (Cabey) Lewis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Lombard, South Africa; Eddie Miller, Australia; Unberto Molinaro, Italy; Johnny Molloy, England.

Ciro Moracen, Cuba; Georges Mousse, France; Alvaro Nuvolini, Italy; Pierre Paul, Belgium; Al Phillips, England; Bernard Pugh, England; Mickey McDonald, Australia.

Manuel Rivera, Mexico; Jim Rooney, Bridgeport, Conn.; Chico Rosa, Hawaii; Jackie Ryan, Australia; Lauro Salas, Los Angeles, Calif.

Alex Sinnaeve, Belgium; Diego Sosa, Cuba; Sigi Tennebaum, Switzerland; Charley Titone, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Memo Valero, Mexico; Oscar Warburg, Denmark; Bobby Why, Los Angeles.

Class 3

Mimmie Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Davey Allen, New York City; Lou Alter, Montreal, Canada; Gaetano Annaloro, Italy; George Araujo, Providence, R. I.

Joe Barone, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bobby Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Bunny Berrigan, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jackie Blair, Hollywood, Calif.; Lee Bohles, Cleveland, Ohio; Chuck Burton, Newark, N. J.

Joey Clemo, Portland, Ore., Tom Collins, Boston, Mass.; Paulie Cook, Tacoma, Wash.; Reuben Davis, Fall River, Mass.; Archie De Vino, Newark, N. J.

Ray Edwards, Jamaica, N. Y.; Vic Eisen, Buffalo, N. Y.; Sal Ferello, New York City; Nero Ferry, Fall River, Mass.; Pat Flowers, New Orleans, La.

Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, Van Wert, Ohio; Proctor Heinold, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Art Irlando, Denver, Colo.; Maurice LaChapelle, Montreal, Canada; Eddie Lacy, Minneapolis, Minn.

Reggie Martina, Huntington, W. Va.; George Mendoza, Los Angeles, Calif.; Clint Miller, Elizabeth, N. J.; Mario (Chico) Morales, Cuba.

Bill Neri, Bridgeport, Conn.; Percy Paris, New Glasgow, N. S., Canada; Rudy Pasco, Toronto, Canada; Bernie Peters; Philadelphia, Pa.

Eddie Posey, Newark, N. J.; Luis Ramos, Puerto Rico; Paul Roach, Boston, Mass.; Massina Sanna, Italy; Jimmy Savala, Madera, Calif.; Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada; Joey Scarlota, New York City; Henry Schillizzi, New York City; Al Smith, Boston, Mass.

Pat Thomas, Washington, D.C.; Panchito Uribe, Mexico City, Mexico; Tito Valles, New York City; Chuck Wilkerson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mickey Young, Flint, Mich.; Phil Zwick, Kaukauna, Wis.

Class 4

Manolo Aguilar, Mexico; Eligio Alvarez, Cuba; Lenny Alvarez, New Orleans, La.; Angelo Ambrosano, Southwark, Pa.; Sal Amico, Garfield, N. J.

Austin Anderson, New York City; Willie Anderson, Detroit, Mich.; Primo Arellano, Houston, Texas; Al Arenas, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rocky Armando, Montreal, Canada.

Tony Bajkowski, Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Baker, Jamestown, N. Y.; Billy Banks, Southwark, Pa.; Manuel Baptista. New York City; Al Bernal, Oakland, Calif.; Mike Bernal, Oakland, Calif.; Doc Blanchard, Cambridge, Mass.

Joe Bolduc, Boston, Mass.; Roosevelt Bonner, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Breeze, New York City; Houston Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; Castro Calderon, Puerto Rico; Joe Camarata, Baltimore, Md.

Ron Cannon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rene Cantero, Miami, Fla.; Frank Carrao, New York City; Earl Carrol, Haverhill, Mass.; Henry Carvalho, Oakland, Calif.; Vito Celentano, Staten Island, N. Y.

Charlie Celeste, Boston, Mass.; Willie Clemmons, Los Angeles, Calif.; Felix Coleman, Vallejo, Calif.; Julio Colon, New York City; Auburn Copeland, Flint, Mich.; Manny Correa, Mexico; Richard Crump, New York City.

Johnny Dash, Philadelphia, Pa.; Russ Davis, Trenton, N. J.; Ernie De France, Wichita, Kan.; Mike Della, Bayonne, N. J.; Frank Dobales, Stockton, Calif.; Eddie Drake, Meriden, Conn.; Russell Dungy, Atica, N. Y.

Art Edmundson, Cincinnati, Ohio; Marlin (Bucky) Edwards, Vallejo, Calif.; Nick Edwards, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Doug Elwood, New Orleans, La.; Bobby English, Fall River, Mass.; Charles Espinosa, New Orleans, La.; Tony Espinosa, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mal Evans, Providence, R. I.

Danny Falcone, Manchester, Conn.; Orlando Fernandez, Tampa, Fla.; Eddie Freeman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Noel Gagnon, Canada; Edgar Gallant, Gardner, Mass.; Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sammy Galvan, Mexico; Joe Gamby, Coney Island, N. Y.

Joe Garcia, San Francisco, Calif.; Jose Colon Garcia, Puerto Rico; Lino Garcia, Cuba; Bibber Gauhn, Pawtucket, R. I.; John Giaco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Giacobbe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buddy Gilman, Seattle, Wash.

Jimmy Glisson, Detroit, Mich.; Bob Goldstein, Providence, R. I.; Joe (Sonny) Gomez, El Paso, Texas; Barry Gordy, Los Angeles, Calif.; Angel Grado, Mexico; Cosmo Greco, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Gregory, Omaha, Nebr.

Vic Haller, Springfield, Mass.; Stan Hartman, Van Wert, Ohio; Tim Healy, Coney Island, N. Y.; Jimmy Hegeman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Freddie Herman, Elizabeth, N. J.; Manuel Hernandez, Mexico; Billy Herrera, Los Angeles, Calif.; Earl Hilton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Flora Hita, Cuba; Gil Holcomb, Akron, Ohio.

Lon Insignia, Hoboken, N. J.; Jerry Kortright, New York City; Rafael La Boy, Puerto Rico; Jimmy Lamprey, Worcester, Mass.; Louis Langley, New York City; Leo Le Brun, New York City; Calvin Leigh, Rochester, N. Y.; Johnny Lemons, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Baby Le Roy, Cincinnati, Ohio; Murray Levine, Bayonne, N. J.; Izzy Leyton, Detroit, Mich.; Billy Lima, Cuba; Art Llanos, Puerto Rico; Tony Longo, Baltimore, Md.

Russ McCarthy, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pat McCune, New York City; Harold McDonald, Omaha, Nebr.; Shawn McGinnis, Toronto, Canada; Chuck McGow, Indianapolis, Ind.; Russ McKinney, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mike Martinez, San Jose, Calif.; Pete Noka; Central Falls, R. I.

Johnny O'Connor, Toledo, Ohio; Torito Ortega, Cuba; Cruz Ortiz, San Francisco, Calif.; Max Osario, New York City; Joe Paniagna, New York City; Arthur Portly, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Billy Proctor, Harrisburg, Pa.; Jimmy Proctor, Portland, Oregon.

Pat Quinn, Calif.; Larry Regan, Seattle, Wash.; Jerry Renaud, Portland, Ore.; Henry Reyes, New York City; Joe Rigano, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hector Rodriguez, New York City; Armando Rosa, New York City.

John Salamone, New York City; Sammy Sanchez, New York City; Baby Santiago, San Francisco, Calif.; Johnny Scott, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Sequeria, Oakland, Calif.; Willie Serrano, Puerto Rico; Billy Sheridan, Hartford, Conn.; Jimmy Shields, Philadelphia, Pa.

Frank Steele, Boston, Mass.; Freddie Steele, Vancouver, B. C.; Jerry Strutz, Portland, Ore.; Isaac Thomas, Oldtown, Me.; Spider Thomas, Indianapolis, Ind.; Blond Tiger, Boston, Mass.; Jose Aponte Torres, Puerto Rico; Marcus Vasquez, Mexico City, Mexico.

Johnny Villaneuva, San Antonio, Texas; Johnny Ward, Clairton, Pa.; Jesse Watson, Omaha, Nebr.; Don Weber, Roanoke, Va.; Eli Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ossie Williams, Chicago, Ill.; George Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.; Auggie Yarratt, Louisville, Ky.

Bantamweights

World's Champion

Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.

(Group 1)

1—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.
2—Luis Romero, Spain
3—Danny O'Sullivan, England
4—Elley Bennett, Australia

(Group 2)

1—Luis Galvani, Cuba
2—Theo Medina, France
3—Guido Ferracin, Italy
4—Memo Valero, Mexico
5—Teddy Gardner, England
6—Vic Towell, South Africa
7—Reuben Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Class 1

Stanley Almond, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; Charles Bohbot, Morocco; Eddie Carson, Scotland; Luis Castillo, Mexico; Bunty Eddie Doran, Ireland; Keith Francis, Australia; Johnny Gleeson, Australia; Billy Herbert, Australia; Dado Marino, Hawaii.

Jackie Paterson, Scotland; Stan Rowan, England; Rod Parsons, Australia; Frankie Sodano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jackie Turner, Vancouver, B.C.; David Kui Kong Young, Hololulu, T.H.

Class 2

Ronnie Bissell, England; Bobby Boland, Scotland; Gino Bondavalli, Italy; Tino Cardinale, Italy; Ronnie Draper, England; Bernie Dunn, Australia; Spencer Driver, Australia; Amleto Falcinelli, Italy.

Jesus Fonseca, Mexico; Luis Fernandez, France; Pierre Fouilloux, France; Gus Foran, England; Fernando Gagnon, Canada; Jimmy Gill, England.

Jimmy Green, England; Freddie Hicks, England; Gordon Landers, Australia; Mick McKay, South Africa; Peter Morrison, England; Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Algeria; Willie Myles, Scotland.

Jose Palacios, Spain; Tommy Proffitt, England; Luis Reyes, Mexico; Sammy Reynolds, England; Hans Schoemig, Germany; Vernon Sollas, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Pierre Trullemans, Belgium; Jimmy Webster, England; Vin Woods, Australia; Kid Zefine, Panama.

Class 3

Bill Bossio, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Billy Daniels, England; Ivor Davies, Wales; Armand Deiana, France; Bernard Dodin, France; Camille Dormont, France.

Caliostro Etter, Switzerland; Jackie Fairclough, England; Peter Fay, England; Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartansburg, S.C..

Herky Kaminski, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jan Maas, Belgium; Eddie McCormick, England; Marcel Mathieu, France; Lin Philip, New Zealand; Chocolate Ramos, Mexico; Baby Ruiz, Mexico.

Jimmy Stewart, Scotland; Jackie Sutton, Wales; Norm Tymms, Australia; Val Valentine, Denver, Colo.; Fernand Van Houche, Belgium; Jimmy Webster, South Africa; Tommy Yamaoka, Los Angeles, Calif.

Class 4

Kenny Adams, Norwich, Conn.; Val Alvarado, Denver, Colo.; Frankie Alvarez, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Arduini, Washington, D. C.

Sammy Garcia, San Francisco, Calif.; Arnie McKee, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Ernest (Red) Martinez, Denver, Colo.; Tony Tarentino, Bloomfield, N. J.; Henry Watkins, New York City; Lou Yonkers, Roanoke, Va.

Flyweights

World's Champion

Rinty Monaghan, Ireland

(Group 1)

1—Rinty Monaghan, Ireland
2—Honore Pratesi, France
3—Terry Allen, England

(Group 2)

1—Maurice Sandeyron, France
2—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
3—Dickie O'Sullivan, England
4—Norman Lewis, Wales
5—Mickey Hill, Australia
6—Peter Keenan, Scotland
7—Norman Tennant, Scotland
8—Black Pico, Cuba

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class 1

Otello Bernardinelli, Italy; Raul Solis, Mexico City, Mexico; Tomas Vega, Havana, Cuba; Emile Famechon, France.

Taffy Hancock, Australia; Vic Herman, Scotland; Jimmy Hogg, Australia; Guy Josseau, France.

Joe Murphy, Scotland; Jules Robaeys, Belgium; Hadi Tijani, Tunis; Michel Verhamme, Belgium.

Class 2

Buddy Baggett, Dallas, Texas; Jackie Briers, Ireland; Henry Carpenter, England; Juan Christobal, Spain; Rod Cutter, Australia; Raoul Degryse, Belgium.

Willy Farber, Germany; Tommy Farricker, England; Dove Fattori, Italy; Billy Hazelgrove, England.

Pat McNally, Ireland; Francisco Mur, Spain; Johnny Ortega, San Francisco, Calif.; Billy Roberts, Australia; Martin Testillanos, Spain; Young Yank, Australia.

Class 3

Billy Ashton, England; Johnny Black, England; Joe Cairney, Scotland; Glyn Davis, Wales; Leo Firpo, Australia; Jackie Foster, Ireland.

Chris Hardy, Ireland; Leo Lingberg, Finland; Jimmy Orr, Ireland.

Jimmy Pearce, England; Jimmy Pike, Australia; Dennis Reed, England; Speedy Rudy, Hawaii.

Memo Sanchez, Mexico; Oscar Sanchez, Havana, Cuba; George Sutton, Wales.

Class 4

Rosie Caballero, San Jose, Calif.; Andy Leos, San Francisco, Calif.; Nick Ramagnoli, Philadelphia, Pa.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS FOR 1949

By CHARLEY PARRISH

Heavyweights—Jo Weidin, Hein ten Hoff, Stef Olek, Gino Buonvino, Nisse Andersson, Kurt Schiegl, Carl Nielsen, Walter Neusel, Piet Wilde, Oiva Purho.

Lightheavies—Albert Yvel, Emile Bentz, Lucien Corenthin, Sv. Aa. Christensen, Hein Wiesner, Jim Graser, Pierre Doorenbosch, Olle Bengtsson, Jacques Hairabedian (Fr.), Fred Flury.

Middleweights—Laurent Dauthuille, Tiberio Mitri, Robert Villemain, Cyrille Delannoit, Luc Van Dam, Jean Stock, Lucien Krawczyk, Robert Charron, Antonio Soldevilla, Mickey Laurent.

Welterweights—Livio Minelli, Omar Kouidri, Jean Walzach, Charles Humetz, Yrjoe Piitulainen, Emmanuel Clavel, Constant Reypens, Claude Ritter, Henri Hecquard, Valere Benedetto.

Lightweights—Kid Dussart, Pierre Montane, Joe Preys, Jean Mougin, Elis Ask, Roberto Proietti, Roger Baour, Durante Coletti, Ben Miloud, Herbert Nuernberg.

Featherweights—Ray Famechon, Luis De Santiago, Jean Machterlinck, Jo Cornelis, Georges Mousse, Alvaro Cerasini, Massina Sanna, Beppe Colasanti, Pierre Paul, Asger Warburg.

Bantamweights—Luis Romero, Theo Medina, Gaetan Analoro, Hadi Tijani, Guy Josseau, Luis Fernandez, Amleto Falcinelli, Louis Skena, Caliostro Etter, Michel Verhamme.

Flyweights—Honore Pratesi, Maurice Sandeyron, Jan Sneyers, Otello Belardinelli, Emile Famechon, Nazzareno Gianelli, Guido Nardecchia, Juan Cristobal, Willy Ferber, Jules Robaeys.

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middleweight, and Tony Pelliterri, Springfield, Mass., welterweight, fighting in the South, both chalked up eleven short contests.

Ted Berry, British lightweight; Sammy Wilde, African Gold Coast middleweight, fighting in England, and Sal DiMartino, Hartford, Conn., middleweight, each came through with ten contests in which their opponents failed to last the distance.

TO GET away from the winners and cross to the other side of the track to the consistent losers, we find that Jimmy Snedeker, Plainfield, N. J., middleweight, and Vic Young, Biddeford, Me., lightweight, hold the unenviable honor of having been stopped most times during the year. Both were knocked out eight times.

Harry Smart, British middleweight, didn't live up to his name and failed to go the distance on seven occasions. Johnny (Crash) Davis, Tampa, welterweight, is next in line, having kayoes marked against him six times.

A number of fighters failed to finish on five occasions, including Angel Chavez, Springfield, Mass., welterweight; Harry Haft, light-heavyweight, listed as out of Paterson, N. J.; Matt Hardy, British heavyweight; Marty O'Keefe, Daytona Beach, lightweight; St. Paul, Springfield, Mass., light-heavyweight; Roger Lessard, Manchester, N. H., lightweight; Harry Naylor, British light-heavyweight; Henry Reyes, New York, featherweight, and Jim Watkins, Indianapolis, heavyweight.

St. Paul, whose right moniker is Charles Nunnally, has an even more noteworthy record, as he was halted in all of the five bouts he had this year.

The four-for-four boys, those fighters who are listed as having had four bouts and failed to go the route in any of them, are Pepper Martin, Webster, Mass., welterweight; Joe Rock, British lightweight, who crumbled; Robert Valentine, Puerto Rican lightweight; Frankie Whethers, Freeport, N. Y., featherweight; Calvin White, Chicago, lightweight, and Joe Williams, Chicago, heavyweight.

Tommy Woodward, Columbus, Ohio, heavyweight, though kayoed only three times, rates a mention if only as lesson one in "how not to make THE RING ratings." On April 20, he was stopped by Vern Mitchell in eight rounds at Windsor, Ont. The following night he was fighting again—this time in Mansfield, Ohio—and was halted once more—by Billy Davis in two rounds!

RECORD for the most losses goes to Angel Chavez who in twenty-eight fights came back a winner only three times and drew in two.

George Goree, San Francisco welterweight, had a near perfect record. He lost nine of his eleven bouts—the other two being draws. Charley Donovan, New York lightweight, went to the post 20 times and won two fights. He drew in one bout and of his seventeen losses, three times he was kayoed.

Talbert Anderson, Chester, Pa., lightweight; Mario Coll, Cuban welterweight, and Harry Haft, all lost seven of eight. Herb Eaton, Rome, N. Y., lightweight, lost five of five, being kayoed four times.

Matt Hardy lost ten of his twelve bouts, failing to finish five. Joe Meyers, British West Indies welterweight, fighting in Britain, lost ten of his eleven bouts. Don Mogard, Toronto heavyweight, lost eight of nine. Of his eleven fights, Harry Smart could only score one kayo and win one on a foul, retiring early in seven. Billy Stevens, Scottish middleweight, won but three and drew in one of his thirteen bouts.

TO Manuel Baptista, New York featherweight, and Johnny (Sonny) Luciano, go the laurels for having appeared in the most bouts, 30.

Angel Chavez and Manuel Hernandez, Mexican featherweight, appeared in 28 fights.

Jackie Krulewicz, New York welterweight, climbed through the ropes 27 times, as did Denny Dawson, British featherweight. Johnny (Crash) Davis had 25 bouts to his credit.

MIDDLEWEIGHT PROSPECTS

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This is probably due to glowing reports of his ability which have caused much timidity among fellow middleweights when his name is brought up. It is impossible to forestall a really good fighter forever, and this may be the year for Towne to make good all the nice things which are being said about him.

The fickle fates being what they are, it would surprise no one if some unheralded clouter like Ronnie Delaney, southpaw walloper; Jimmy King, a belter from the Pennsylvania coal mining district; George Small, from the bailiwick of the Brooklyn Dodgers, or Pete Montesi's Jimmy Beau from Danbury, Conn., bowled his way right to the top.

Rocky Castellani may still realize on his latent talent and come through in the way his loyal Luzerne, Pa., neighbors always hoped he would.

Bert Hyland, a red-headed broth of a boy from the Ould Sod; Len Dittmars, an Australian who's beaten everybody Down Under but Sands, and Antonio Soldavilla, a tough Spaniard, should also help keep the middleweight pot boiling, right around the world.

Rated highly and undefeated, Tiberio Mitri, blond Italian from Trieste, talks of invading America. Those who have seen him, declare his aggressive style would prove sensational in the States. Mitri must be a good fighter. He fights any and everybody, is the European middleweight champion and hasn't lost a fight since he started boxing in 1946.

EVEN with all this abundance of middleweight talent none of them would be favored to beat Ray Robinson, who happens to be the welterweight title holder. With no opposition to speak of in his own class, Sugar Ray is expected to campaign more and more frequently among the 160-pounders. This super-charges a class already outstanding among the boxing divisions.

If the obvious matches are made among them, the middleweight division alone should provide enough fireworks to make 1950 an exciting year in the boxing game.

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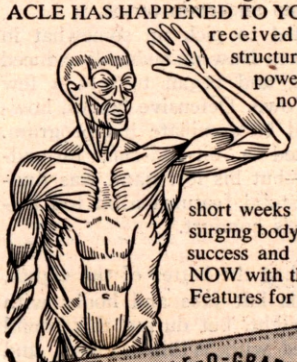

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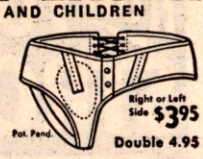

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IKE RETAINS TITLE

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lightweight limit. Or something may have been taken out of him in his gruelling three-bout series with Kid Gavilan in Madison Square Garden.

Another possibility is that Williams, well fixed financially, has lost some of his zest for the trade. There have been rumors that Ike intends to remain in the business only one year more, then call it quits.

At any rate, those first six rounds of the Williams-Dawson affair were so drab and uninspiring that the customers, not at all satisfied with developments, voiced their displeasure in no uncertain terms.

Things started to pick up somewhat in the seventh, when Dawson suddenly evinced some initiative, and began to toss a few punches of his own. Defensive tactics, however, continued to dominate his program. Freddie adopted a hit-and-run, hit-and-grab schedule—but his left hand was finding Williams' stolid features a bit too frequently for Ike's comfort.

DAWSON had the better of the eighth, mixing his left jabs and hooks with an occasional right, but during this round his face collided with Williams' head, and a deep gash, ripped across his left cheekbone, bled steadily for the rest of the bout.

Barring the ninth and fourteenth stanzas, when clinching by both parties marred the action, Dawson had the edge most of the way down the final stretch.

The twelfth was a particularly rough stanza for Williams. Dawson pushed and mauled Ike back against the ropes, and gave him quite a going-over. Williams seemed to be tiring, but Dawson still had too much respect for him to take needless chances.

Dawson scored with some effective punches in the fifteenth, but not enough to swing the verdict in his favor. He had started his drive too late.

At no time during the affair did either Williams or Dawson appear to be in distress, though Ike came out of the ring with a bruise over his left eye and his nose bleeding slightly, to match the long, jagged gash across Freddie's left cheekbone.

WITH the unusually low top of $6.50 prevailing, the show drew an attendance of 10,389, and gross receipts of $45,652.60—the scantiest gate for which Williams has yet defended the lightweight title.

With the deductions of federal, state and city taxes, the net was $33,223.40, out of which Williams, drawing down 45 per cent, was paid $14,950, and Dawson, on a 10 per cent basis, collected $3,332.

For the occasion, Phil Glassman, once an outstanding figure in Philadelphia boxing, was pulled out of an eight-year retirement to "front" as promoter.

The feature of the supporting card was the sizzling knockout registered in the semi-final by Irish Jimmy Flood, colorful young New York middleweight, over the veteran George LaRover of Philadelphia. Flood, scaling 161, was too big and strong for LaRover, who came in at 151½. A few weeks previously, LaRover had held Flood to a gruelling draw in Philadelphia, but he couldn't stand up under the heavier Jimmy's blasting body belting in the return match. Flood started from the beginning to concentrate on LaRover's midsection, and it paid off. LaRover was finished at 1:06 of the second.

Another likely-looking New York youngster, Johnny Saxton, 146, Harlem's former Golden Gloves star, uncovered a flashy exhibition of boxing to whip Bucky Slocum, 145½, in one of the four-round preliminaries.

NEW FACES ' PROMISING

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around well, has an idea what boxing's all about, and punches fast and accurately with either hand. But he's still a year or two away from making a serious bid for headline recognition. Only 19, Kaplan hasn't fully developed physically, and needs time to acquire the necessary strength and ruggedness, as well as experience.

Another possible heavyweight bet for future circulation seems to be Rex Layne, youthful Utahan. For a yearling, Layne has done well for himself—though, naturally, he hasn't been up against too formidable opposition as yet. His handlers have been taking him along easily, giving him every opportunity to learn and improve. To date, Rex has run off 12 knockouts and one decision in 13 starts, and has given a good account of hmself in an exhibition with Ezzard Charles. Except for two quick hops to Hollywood, Layne has confined his fistic activities so far to his native Utah, but his managerial board feels it won't be long before he'll be ready to try his luck in New York and Chicago.

WHILE the American scene hasn't been too prolific with its development of young talent, quite a few good kids seem to have popped up in several sectors of the international front.

Britain, for instance, has become quite excited over the possibilities of two likely heavyweights—Johnny Williams and Jack Gardner.

Williams isn't exactly a freshman. He started fighting as a middleweight in 1946, but it wasn't until last year, when he became a heavyweight, that he rated headline status. Johnny isn't too rugged, but he is an exceptionally clever boxer.

Though lacking Williams' skill, Gardner has proved himself a good two-fisted puncher. He piled up a remarkable record for his first year of professional leather-pushing, 17 of his 19 opponents failing to go the distance with him. In the only bout that went its scheduled route, Gardner outpointed that tough Frenchman, Stephane Olek. Jack's only defeat was of the "technical" variety, inflicted by the cagey Canadian veteran, Vern Escoe, a nasty gash over the youngster's left eye prompting the referee to call a halt at the end of the fifth round.

Fellow-Canadian and stablemate of Escoe's, Earl Walls, also has become quite a favorite with the British public. A good boxer, and a vicious puncher, Walls has been having a merry time with his European opposition. He started by stopping the Scot, Ken Shaw, in three rounds. Since then he has run off three fast ones, requiring only a round apiece to stiffen Piet Wilde of Belgium, Kurt Schiegl of Austria, and Albert Coulbaly of Algeria.

NOTICE TO READERS

Owing to lack of space in this issue, notes from several parts of the world have either been reduced in size or eliminated to make room for the Annual Rating of Boxers.

ANOTHER heavyweight who has been stirring up considerable to-do in Europe is the American, Aaron Wilson, who has established headquarters in Paris. Wilson recently showed in England for the first time and celebrated the occasion by flattening the former British champion, Jack London, with one punch, in 27 seconds. Among Aaron's European accomplishments was the winning of an open heavyweight tournament in Brussels. He flattened his first three opponents, and whipped Stephane Olek in the finale.

Britishers are envisioning a possible world middleweight champion in Randolph Turpin, youngest of the three fighting brothers. The 21-year-old Randy hit headline rating during 1949 by running off seven straight wins, among them spectacular knockouts of the Belgian Cyrille Delannoit and the American Pete Mead.

Scotland, which seems to specialize in top flyweights—it produced two world champions in Benny Lynch and Jackie Paterson—came up during the year with three fine little fellows in Peter Keenan, Joe Murphy and Vic Herman.

Unbeaten since he turned professional late in 1947, Roger Baour crashed the top brackets in European lightweight ratings by knocking out Andre Gonnet for the vacant French title.

ONE of the finest fighting machines in Europe, the Italian Tiberio Mitri, established his status by annexing the continent's middleweight title. Mitri has been unbeaten in three years of pro fighting and 50 battles. His record shows wins over Cyrille Delannoit of Belgium, Laurent Dauthuille of France, Dick Turpin of England, Giovanni Manca of Italy and Jean Dobiasch of Poland. He's done a thorough job of cleaning up his main opposition.

Albert Yvel, the Algerian, who holds the French light-heavyweight title, is touted as a 175-pounder to watch.

Australia uncovered three native Aborigines for its main excitement during 1949—lightweights Jack Hassan and Alfie Clay and bantamweight Elley Bennett.

One of the top developments of the year was Vic Toweel of South Africa. Younger brother of lightweight Jimmy Toweel, 21-year-old Vic turned pro in January, after a brilliant amateur career and ran off a string of a dozen straight wins.

Villemain Fighter of the Month

By THE RING STAFF

ROBERT VILLEMAIN of France walked off with "Fighter of the Month" honors when he gave the middleweight champion of the world Jake LaMotta a good going over in ten rounds to take the decision.

As in the past, monthly ratings are eliminated in this, the February, issue in lieu of the annual ratings, which may be found on the preceding pages.

Results of the month follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Louis thrashed Johnny Shkor, Joe Cheshul and Johnny Flynn in 10-round "no-decision" meetings.

Lee Oma decisioned Freddie Beshore, 10.

Roland LaStarza decisioned Cesar Brion in a dull 10-rounder. Hein Ten Hoff retained the German title by kayoing Adolf Kleinholdermann, 4. Aaron Wilson stiffened Jack London, 1.

Abel Cestac won over Bill Weinberg, 8. Vern Mitchell defeated Jackie Thompson and Ted Lowry in 10-rounders. Roscoe Toles kayoed Henry Jones, 4.

Bob Murphy, now boxing as a heavyweight, flattened Jimmy O'Dowd, 1. George Kaplan polished off Johnny Bassett, 2, and James Connelly, 2. Rocky Marciano chilled Pat Richards, 2. Rex Layne kayoed Sonny Orrock, 3.

Johnny Kapovich lost to Duilio Spagnola, 8. Canadian champion Vern Escoe outpointed Georges Rogiers, 10. Earl Walls flattened Kurt Schiegl, 1.

Joe Ogden kayoed George Maverick, 3. Eddie Vann set a new world record for heavyweights by stiffening George Stern in 12 seconds (including count). Joe Lindsay whipped Jimmy Slade, 10. Sonny Parisi knocked out Keen Simmons, 5, whipped Eddie Davis, 6, and iced Harold Mitchell, 1.

Joe Kahut stopped Ray Stevens, 8. Jack Flood halted Roy Hawkins, 4. Jack Gardner edged out Stephane Olek, 8. Don Cockell lambasted Don Mogard, 8.

Reg Andrews outpointed Johnny Morkus, 8. Curt Kennedy halted Tommy Giorgio, 4. Archie McBride bested Henry Jones, 6.

Charley Norkus decisioned Rickey Ronci, 8. Neil Wallace dropped a six-rounder to Mike Fisher.

Mack Parshay whipped Elza Thompson, 10. Bill Wilson bested Steve King, 10.

Clarence Henry knocked out Battling Blackjack, 4. Herbie Morris stopped Fidel Arciniega, 2.

Vern Mitchell whipped Ted Lowry, 10. Jimmy Carollo shaded Al Marchioni, 6. Charles P. Henry chilled Mike Izzo, 1.

Rex Layne knocked out Joe Santel, 3. Bob Baker halted Walter Hafer, 5.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joey Maxim stopped Pat McCafferty, 4, and beat Bill Petersen, 10. Archie Moore flattened Doc Williams, 8. French champion Albert Yvel knocked out Svend Aage Christensen, 3. Chuck Hunter beat Dick Wagner, 10. Nick Barone outpointed Chubby Wright, 10.

Harold Johnson defeated Bert Lytell, 10. Bob Murphy chilled Lloyd Gibson, 2. Tommy Yarosz outboxed Jimmy Beau to take an eight-round duke. Bob Satterfield knocked out Sylvester Perkins, 2.

Harry "Kid" Matthews stiffened Billy Davis, 1. Pat McCafferty chilled Watson Jones, 2. Jack Snapp decisioned Frankie Gimbel, 10.

Ralph Regan iced Scotty Wyman, 1. Harry Matthews stopped Baby Joe Walcott, 6. Jimmy Slade drew with Jack Porter, 6.

Hal Sampson chilled Bob Steel, 1, and beat Nick Bufallno, 4. Jack Fallon licked Jack Hunter, 4. Clarence Wilkerson beat Al Winn, 6.

Art Henri bested Herbie Morris, 4. Cal Vernon drew with Virgil Strauss, 6. Matthew Daniels defeated Billy Gordon, 4.

Joe Brown chilled Don Dinig, 2.

Dave Whitlock won over Nick Barone, 10. Eddie Zastre stopped Wilf Sauve, 5.

Archie Moore knocked out Leonard Morrow, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jake LaMotta lost to Robert Villemain in a 10-round no-title go. Villemain also beat Tony DeMicco, 10.

Kid Gavilan scored a stunning upset by defeating Laurent Dauthuille, 10. European champion Tiberio Mitri outpointed Gilbert Stock, 10.

Cyrille Delannoit outfought Mickey Laurent, 10. Rocky Graziano outpointed Sonny Horne, 10. Randolph Turpin halted Pete Mead, 4. Lee Sala beat George Chape, 10. Bill Jackson polished off Bob Cleaver, 5.

Bert Hyland upset Albert Finch, 8. Finch came back to whip Alberte Heyen, 10. Bos Murphy lost on a disqualification to Roy Wouters, 3. Billy Coloulias punched out a decision over Alby Hollister, 8.

Sammy Wilde kayoed Bob Cleaver, 3. Les Allen flattened Freddie Webb, 3. Tony Janiro outscored Vic Costa, 8.

Maurice Harper came back to reverse the only defeat of his career by defeating Milo Savage in 10 rounds. Carl Olson outpointed Johnny Duke, 10. Ken Stribling whipped Burl Charity, 10.

Lino Armenteros iced Bill Daley, 3. Jimmy Flood knocked out George LaRover, 2. Ossie Harris stopped Marion Klingensmith, 7.

Joe Rindone halted Leon Brown, 4. Tuzo Portuguez kayoed Bobby Mann in 10. Terry Moore outpointed Sonny Bunn, 10.

Joe Auriello drew with James Suber, 4. Bobby Volk bested Nap Howard, 10.

Roger Donaghue whipped Tommy Engelhardt, 8. Hans Stretz drew with Carl Schmidt, 12. Chick Musgrove iced Wendell Gallant, 1, and stopped Bert Mendoza, 7. Joe Rindone beat Mal Evans, 10.

Tony Bertucci shaded Ernie Vigh, 8. Billy Corbett stopped Red Arrow, 4. Johnny Noel kayoed James Dorta, 3, and Al Adele, 2.

Norman Horton defeated Curtis Moore, 8. Baby Day beat Roy Wouters, 10.

Bob Stecher kayoed Buddy Holmes, 2, and Ted Brassley, 2. Billy Gordon won over George Chape, 10.

Joe Giardello iced Jim Dockery, 2. Joe Bonadies drew with Mitchell Allen, 4. Paddy Young outpointed Melvin Bartholomew, 8. Alvin Williams decisioned Anton Raadik, 10.

Joe Auriello licked Armando Amanini, 6. George Holzman bested Izzy Blum, 4. George Sherman won from Pennington Brown, 10.

Bobby Tighe decisioned Enrico Lopez, 6. Lew Perez kayoed Clarence Woods, 1. Floyd Morris licked Andy DePaul, 8.

Jim Leslie stopped Joe Aurillo, 2. Rocky Compitello iced Roland Minsell, 1. Billy Brown beat Pete Zaduck, 10. Ray Dioses stopped Jay Caldwell, 7. Jackie Keough whipped Germaine Cabouche, 6.

Joe Pyle drew with Billy Fifield, 8. Johnny Greco decisioned Herbie Kronowitz, 10. Terry Moore whipped Holly Mimms, 10. Sammy Walker beat Norman Hayes, 8.

Carl Olson licked Earl Turner, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

George Costner knocked out Pat Byers, 1, and Kid Pambele in 2. Bernard Docusen stopped Tippy Larkin, 6. Lester Felton handed Ross Virgo his first defeat in 10 rounds.

Welsh champion Eddie Thomas annexed the British title by outpointing Henry Hall, 15. French champion Omar Kouidri drew with Kid Marcel, 10, and Pierre Le Mentec, 10.

Don Williams defeated Ralph Zannelli, 12. Johnny Bratton stopped Gaby Ferland, 2. Bobby Dykes defeated Frankie Abrams, 10.

Gene Burton kayoed Roy Carter, 7. Ronnie Delaney won from Cecil Hudson, 10.

Chuck Taylor won over Vince Gambill, 8, and Tony Pellone, 10. Tommy Bell beat Hurley Sanders, 10. Bill Graham outboxed Tony LaBua, 10.

Charley Salas whipped Lino Armentero, 10. and stopped Bobby Larkin, 8. Bobby Dawson knocked out Ted Bussey, 9.

Jeff Tite whipped Jack Coles, 8. Honey Johnson beat Otis Graham, 8. Sonny Luciano licked Hubert Muller, 10.

Fitzie Pruden decisioned Harry Hart, 10. John McKenzie defeated Frank Formichelli, 4.

George Burrows won over Cliff Stevens, 4. Buddy Garcia beat Chaforo Martinez, 10. Tommy Ciarlo defeated Tommy Bazzano, 10, but Bazzano beat Ben Jones, 8.

Jimmy Sanders dropped a close ten to Raoul Perez. Mike Kobella drew with Al Highers, 10.

British champion Billy Thompson kayoed Maurice Jones, 2. Jimmy King pasted George Hammond, 8. Sal DiMartino stopped Johnny Crosby, 3.

Richie Orange decisioned Doug Carter, 6. Sylvester Payne chilled Jimmy Dorta, 1. Morris Reif knocked out Joe Murray, 6. Les Allen outpointed Scottish champion Willie Whyte, 8, and whipped Jimmy Davis over the same distance.

Ric Sanders knocked out Bob Burniston, 8. Billy Exley outpointed Jimmy Molloy, 10. Alf Danahar held to draw by Kay Kalio, 8.

Tommy Armour outfought Ron Price, 8. Sonny Luciano beat Hubert Muller, 10. Carmine Fiore outpointed Louis Ortiz, 6.

Sammy LaRotta licked Johnny Noel, 4, and Len Durham, 4. Frankie Nardizzi kayoed Herb Dudley, 3. Carl Taulman chilled Henry Caballero, 4.

Billy Wyatt shaded Pete Kennedy, 8, but lost to Joe Micelli, 8. Mario Marino licked Chester Rico, 8. Aldo Minelli decisioned Harry Smith, 10. Billy Patterson licked Mel Bartholomew, 8.

Frankie Carini beat James Conroy, 6. Gwyn Williams knocked out Cliff Curvis, 5.

Gus Mell flattened Ben Jones, 2.

Lou Felico beat Larry Gassa, 6. Artie Diamond knocked out Frank Navedo, 1.

Vince D'Andrea stopped Nick Bufalino, 1. John LaBroi beat Jay Watkins, 8. Johnny Saxton won over Bucky Slocum, 4.

Sammy Walker whipped Dave Andrews, 10. Tommy McGowan defeated Louis Ortiz, 6. Irv Wallach drew with Jack Randolph, 4. Irvin Steen licked Milo Savage, 10.

Tony Riccio defeated Sammy Angott, 10. Gaby Ferland drew with Gus Mell, 10.

Walter Haines shaded Joe D'Amato, 8. Jimmy Sherrer licked Jimmy Welch, 8. Carmine Fiore won over Jim Donnelly, 8.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ike Williams defended his world championship by outpointing Freddie Dawson in a close 15-round bout. Maxie Docusen shaded Enrique Bolanos, 12.

European Champion Kid Dussart was held to an eight-round draw by Solly Cantor. Art Aragon stopped Alfredo Escobar, 3. Roger Baour retained French title by flattening Jo Morales, 2. Rudy Cruz defeated James Carter, 10.

Philip Kim won from Johnny Gonsalves, 10, but Gonsalves beat Tommy Campbell, 10. George Dunn kayoed Lino Garcia, 10. Julio Jiminez beat Tony Mar, 12.

Sonny Boy West decisioned Ernesto Aguilar, 10. Carlos Chavez stopped Lem Thomas, 5. Lew Jenkins stopped Johnny DeFazio, 8. Jean Richard outscored Allan McFater, 10.

Claude Dennington edged out close decision over George Daly, 8. Hal Bagwell whipped Bob Anderson, 8. Tommy McGovern stopped Ben Duffy, 2. Bob Sandberg stopped Juste Fontaine, 3.

Don Rogers beat Tony Chavez, 10. Ted Davis stopped Aaron Joshua, 6, and beat Tommy Sheppard, 10. Jesse Underwood halted Frankie Fay, 8, but lost to Roy Andrews, 10. Gene Parker beat Ronnie Harper, 10.

Jimmy Warren licked Jimmy Collins, 10, and Billy Murphy, 10. Roy Andrews knocked out Mal Evans, 4. Tony LaBua defeated Jay White, 8. John Kamber knocked out Bobby Nicholas, 1, and Jerry Kortright, 3.

Red Perkins defeated Tommy Greb, 10. Mario Trigo beat Elmer Beltz, 10.

Jackie Weber won over Hermie Freeman, 12. George Dunn licked Paulie Jackson, 8.

Lefty LaChance beat Eddie Bolduc, 8. Chino Alonzo drew with Rocky Lucero, 10.

James Watkins halted Pat O'Leary, 6. Keith Hamilton drew with Richie Callura, 10. Roy Andrews outpointed Beppe Colasanti, 10. Steve Marcello defeated Tony Riccio, 10.

Pat Brady licked Reuben Davis, 10. Jesse Underwood outscored Buddy Hayes, 10. Dino Bleta drew with George LaFalgio, 10.

Joe Brown nodded Ike Jenkins, 6. Joe Atriz whipped Al Pennino, 8. Andy Viserto defeated Al Rojas, 6.

Art Persley halted Manuel Dizon, 4. Felix Ramirez defeated Joey Clemo, 10. John L. Davis knocked out Bill Eddy, 2.

Keith Nuttall outpointed Wilf Desjardins, 10. Rudy Vasquez nodded Jackie Blair, 10.

Carmine Fiore defeated George Burrows, 6. Ronnie Harper took Gerald LaBroi in 10. Vinnie Murray bested Gene Bora, 4.

Jimmy Warren defeated Roy Andrews, 10. Bill Neri defeated Pete Ferrente, 6.

Mimmie Adragna drew with Augie Lapara, 10. Eddie Chavez decisioned Lawton Disoso, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ray Famechon retained his European championship by trouncing Ronnie Clayton, 15. Sandy Saddler won over Orlando Zulueta, 10. Belgian Champion Jean Machterlinck outpointed European bantam champion Luis Romero, 10.

Scottish Champion Jim Kenny whipped Pierre Paul, 8, and flattened Frankie Kelly in 25 seconds. Percy Bassett kayoed Aaron Joshua, 3. Corky Gonzales defeated Harold Dade, 10.

Luis Castillo stopped Manuel Rivera, 5. Busy Denny Dawson ran off eight-round decisions over Gus Foran, Owen Johnson and Tony Hardwick, then was kayoed by Teddy Peckham in 6, and came back to whip Jackie Horseman, 8. Jock Leslie beat Cecil Schoonmaker, 10. Johnny Molloy decisioned Ray Fitton, 10.

Eddie Dumazel edged out Mickey Forrest, 8, but lost to Bernard Pugh over same distance. Pugh also outpointed Jim Healey, 8. Tom Bailey outscored Jim McCann, 10. Tommy Collins won over Al Smith, 6.

Eddie Marotta halted Pat Iacobucci, 1. Charley Titone whipped Art Llanos, 10. Tommy Madine flattened Pat Burke, 2. Bobby Bell drew with Gaetano Annaloro, 8. Mel Hammond decisioned Chuck Burton, 8.

Frank Johnson stopped Kid Tanner, 6. Ermano Bonetti shaded Harry LaSane, 10. Rudy Pasco halted Tomas Beato, 7. Eddie Marotta beat Lino Garcia, 10. Bobby Bell outpointed Charley Titone, 10.

Jimmy Rooney whipped Charley Cabey Lewis, 8. Bill Bossio won over Jose Aponte Torres, 6. Tony Lango defeated Johnny Breeze, 10.

Jess Mongia grabbed the nod over Roy Higa, 6. Hector Rodriquez licked Rafael LaBoy, 4. Stan Almond outpointed Jesse Fonseca, 10.

Guy Bruneau stopped Parigeon, 4. Terry Riley drew with Gene Caffrey, 8. Lauro Salas licked Johnny Efhan, 10, and Mel Hammond, 10.

Willie Pep laced Harold Dade in 10.

Art Persley laced Ray Edwards, 6. George Araujo outscored Timothy Hayes, 12.

Rocky Lucero stopped Ruby Garcia, 9.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THAT long awaited contest between Maxie Docusen and Enrique Bolanos has been staged and the California lightweight title has changed hands. Docusen didn't really best Bolanos, but a couple of kind-hearted officials gave Maxie the crown as a birthday present. Yes, the fight took place on Docusen's 21st birthday. The Los Angeles Olympic was sold out six hours before fight time. Nearly 11,000 witnessed the bout and fully 4,000 were turned away. The gate grossed $47,770.50.

Docusen made Bolanos look like a set-up in the early rounds. Maxie so outclassed the Mexican idol during the first four heats that few expected Enrique to last the distance. Bolanos' first winning round was the fifth, in which he concentrated on a body attack and Maxie offered no defense against it. It was in the seventh that Docusen lost his head, along with his speed and precision. Hurt by a left hook which caused him to clinch, Maxie swapped punches with Bolanos and received the worst of it.

Encouraged and with new strength, Bolanos tore out in the eighth and forced Docusen into the ropes, where he belabored the Filipino boxer with both fists. Maxie fought back gamely and both were shaken up numerous times, but it was Enrique's round by a wide margin. The fight slowed down a bit after this torrid eighth heat, neither boxer being able to recoup the speed or punching power they possessed in earlier rounds.

They boxed on even terms in the ninth, Bolanos copped the tenth and eleventh with hooks to the body, Docusen speeded up for an edge in the twelfth, which, on my scoreboard, gave Bolanos five rounds, Docusen four, with three tabbed as even. However, I had Bolanos ahead by two points, having given him that margin for his big eighth round. Although the Referee and one of the judges had Docusen in front by four points, while thousands of Bolanos' supporters figured Enrique had won by a wide margin—the fact is that the fight was really close and a draw wouldn't have been so bad, for, while such a verdict would still give Bolanos a bit the worst of it, it would not have deprived him of his state title. Docusen weighed 133, Bolanos 134.

In supporting bouts, Frank Muche, 135, stopped Billy Herrera, 131, in the fourth heat; Baby Ortiz, 130, defeated Houston Brown, 130, in a six; Dave Gallardo, 124, whipped Arthur Hester (Mr. Boston, for the records) in a four-rounder; Sammy Figueroa, 135, decisioned Manuel Mendoza, 138, in four.

With an assist from the medico, Rodney Jones, 167, Santa Monica, emerged from his first main event a winner over Ike Patton, 161, Honolulu, by a T.K.O. in the fifth round of their clash at the Ocean Park Arena. Jones raised a lump over Patton's left eye in the fourth and when another right cut the wound open in the fifth, the club doctor ordered the bout halted. Jones was leading at the time.

Other results: George Smith, 152, stopped Morrie McFarland, 155, in the third; Tony Espinoza, 129, decisioned Marcus Vasquez, 129, in a four; Rocky Slater, 156, nodded Bobby Harris, 157, in four; Tello Cruz, 137, defeated Earl Roland, 141, in four; Jimmy Stewart, 144, beat Russ Swink, 139.

Although he didn't rock Freddie Herman to sleep, in their go at the Hollywood Stadium, Art Aragon added the Arizona lightweight champion to his long list of K.O. victims. The end came in the fifth when the club physician ruled Herman out due to an eye injury. Both weighed 137.

In remaining bouts, all four-rounders: Art Brown, 159, decisioned Al Hernandez, 159; Francisco Dominguez, 140, beat Earl Roland, 141; Wayne Cook, 122, whipped Cruz Ortiz, 123; Joe Fisher, 135, nodded Joe Dominguez, 141; Bob Terrance, 139, won over Ray Sandoval, 136.

San Diego boxing fans are wondering if their swish-buckling blonde scrapper, Chick Musgrove, 160, has gone and got religion? Musgrove, usually a wild and wooly slugger, looked the part of a polished boxer in disposing of Charley Adams, 156, in the second round at the San Diego Coliseum.

In a companion ten-rounder, Irvin Steen, San Diego welterweight, decisioned Bobby Jarvis, Kansas City. Steen forced the milling, but missed badly in the early rounds and Jarvis scored points with his counter-punching. Steen got the range in later rounds and landed solid blows to the head to more than even the score, according to the referee and both judges, although most of the spectators thought that Jarvis rated a draw.

In three four-rounders: Leonard George whipped Bob Terrance; Tony Espinoza K.O.'ed Freddie Hayes in the second heat; Fernando Bastida nodded Al Bernal.

Although over his fistic peak and on the way down, Oakland Billy Smith still packs too much ability for most of the youngsters, as he demonstrated in T.K.O.'ing Grant Butcher in the first round at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

In other bouts: Don Jensen, welterweight, decisioned Tommy Petty, in six; Mel Modeste, heavyweight, K.O.'ed Milan Latkovich, in two; Bob Blevins, heavyweight, chilled Cliff Mann, in the third; John Chitman, 158, flattened Whitey Jacobson, 150, in three.

For four rounds Ramon Dioses, 163, enjoyed his encounter with Dick Finley, 164, at the Wilmington Bowl, for he cuffed Finley at will. But Dioses' fun was checked in the fifth, when Finley turned on the heat, and the evening turned out to be really unpleasant for Ramon before the final bell. Finley won five of the remaining rounds to earn a draw in this ten-rounder.

Other results: Tony Grich, 157, and Art Brown, 160, fought to a draw in four; Tony Contreras, 133, stopped Herman Hines, 135, in the third; Bobby Harris, 156, whipped Tito Garcia, 156, in a four; Sammy Figueroa, 137, disposed of Lou Jamerson, 135, in three; Jackie Condon, 160, nodded Al Williams, 158, in four.

The above card of fights again rang down the curtain on professional boxing at Wilmington. The closing of this club will be greatly felt by the preliminary boxers of this area, as there are now only four professional clubs operating in the southern part of the state. The recent promoters at the Bowl are to be lauded for staying with it as long as they did, for few of the local managers cooperated with the club to the extent that they should have.

Amateur boxing has been resumed at the Wilmington Bowl.

One of the most dramatic incidents of the fight game is the meeting—on the pugilistic hillside—of the promising youngsters and the supposedly "washed up" veteran fighters. One, enthused and ambitious, is on his way up, the other, weary and disillusioned, is on his way down. At times the youth is turned back and the veteran retraces a few of his steps up the steep incline. But in most cases it is the young boxer who uses the veteran for a stepping stone, while the former great slips a little further down the hill. Such was the case when Irish Bob Murphy met Lloyd Marshall at the Los Angeles Olympic.

After flooring Marshall for counts of five and eight in the third round, Murphy finished Lloyd off early in the fourth. Marshall held his own in the second heat and fought back desperately in the third, but the rugged milling was too much for the 34-year-old Negro and the hard blows that floored him twice in the third, took all the starch out of him.

Realizing that Marshall was ripe for the coup de grace, Murphy tore out in the fourth and nailed Lloyd with a terrific left to the chin, which put the Sacramento fighter down in a heap. Marshall endeavored to arise, but his legs gave way and he fell back to the canvas as Referee Joe Stone raised Murphy's glove. Murphy weighed 173, Marshall 170.

In the six-round semi, J. J. Cracknell, 149, and Bobby Lakin, 152, Buffalo Negro, fought a fast draw. Cracknell shook Lakin up several times and rated the nod.

In the four-rounders: Joe Fisher, 136, defeated Ken Maeshiro, 135; Little Joe Charles, 205, won over Hal Burger, 190; Salvador Solis, 143, decisioned Joe Dominguez, 142; Butch Maxwell, 138, beat Harold Jordan, 139.

The Honolulu Hurricane, Johnny Efhan, chalked up his sixth straight victory over California opponents in T.K.O.'ing Mike Bernal of San Francisco in five rounds at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. It was the first time that Bernal had even been stopped.

Efhan weighed 126, Bernal 123.

In three supporting bouts: Andy Leos, 114, decisioned Sammy Garcia, 114, in six; Bobby Geer, 115, outpointed Rosie Caballero, 114; Mike Martinez, 133, won over Jimmy Smith, 133, in four.

Turkey Thompson didn't add much prestige to his record in belting out Al Hart at the Hollywood Stadium, but he sure got a lot of satisfaction out of it. Back in '44, Hart scored a K.O. over Thompson, in what Turkey has always claimed was a quick count. Well, Hart has suffered several reverses since then and has been in retirement for some time, but even if the giant Negro had been as good as he was in '44—the terrific wallop that Turkey parked on Al would have gotten the same results.

The bout was brief and one-sided. Thompson forced Hart about the ring and shook him up several times with left hooks to the head in the opening round. Turkey cornered Hart early in the second heat and belabored him with both lefts and rights. A powerful left that landed on Hart's nose caused the big fellow to sink to the canvas. Later it was disclosed that his nose had been broken. Thompson weighed 207, Hart 221.

In other bouts: Georgie Fields, 148, K.O.'ed George Smith, 154, in the first round of the semi; Little Joe Charles, 204, stopped Hal Burger, 191, in the third; Bobby Garza, 122, beat Beto Juarez, 128, in a four; Leo Romero, 147, iced Russ Swink, 141, in the opening heat; Frank Moraga, 170, defeated Enoch Lee, 170, in four.

The current talk in Los Angeles fistic circles is of Jackie McCoy's impressive win over Lawton Disoso at the Ocean Park Arena. It was McCoy's first fight in sixteen months, Jackie having been on the shelf from injuries received in a street-car accident. McCoy's supporters were not very optimistic over Jackie's prospects in this comeback, but the litle Irishman proved that he is still one of the best featherweights on the Pacific Coast.

McCoy was credited with eight of the ten rounds. Jackie jabbed Disoso at will, cleverly avoided the Filipino fighter's rushes and countered with well-timed hooks and uppercuts. After McCoy had taken much of the steam out of Disoso with sharp rights to the jaw in late rounds, Jackie swapped punches with the New Orleans scrapper and had the better of the rough milling also. McCoy weighed 127, Disoso 131.

Other results: Art Brown, 162, chilled Ernie Woods, 163 (2); Bobby Garza, 122, nodded Juan Cochran, 120 (4); Gil Chavez, 139, flattened Jimmy Burhus, 140 (3); Tello Cruz, 142, stopped Salvador Solis, 139 (1); Chuchu Jiminez, 135, and Butch Maxwell, 139, fought a draw (4).

Out to prove that he doesn't lack for ring courage—a suspicion aroused due to his quitting in his previous contest—Maurice Harper, 153, Oakland, displayed a willingness to slug it out with Milo Savage, 155, Los Angeles, in this rematch, fought at the Oakland Auditorium.

After copping six of the nine rounds with superior boxing, Harper put on the fireworks in the tenth and final heat, forcing Savage all over the ring with a two-fisted attack, to win by a wide margin.

In three six-rounders, all action-packed, Bobby Burgess, 142, Vallejo, outslugged Emil Barao, 139, Hayward; Benny Carnes, Enid (Okla.), outlasted Charley Johnston, Tacoma, in a punishing setto; Leroy Willis, 139, San Francisco, was awarded the nod over Babe Picazo, 138, Oakland.

Judging by the manner in which Eddie Chavez, 128, San Jose, outclassed Jock Leslie, 127, Flint (Mich.), in an eight-rounder at the San Jose Auditorium, it appears that the Garden City has turned out another boxer who is to bring fistic fame to the beautiful little city. (Aurelio Herrera, Jackie Jurich, Cecil Hudson, George Latka and several others came from San Jose.)

Chavez kept Leslie off balance with left jabs most of the time and nailed Jock with sharp rights whenever the Michiganer did get inside Eddie's snappy left. Leslie kept trying, but the one-time topnotcher has slowed down to a walk and the Mexican youth was too fast for him.

In supporting bouts: Bob Patterson, 163, and Bob Ward, 162, boxed six agonizing rounds to a draw; Charley Johnston, 148, Tacoma, was awarded an unpopular decision over Ernie Greer, 149, Oakland, in six; Al Moore, 136, Oakland, was declared winner over Elmo Ollison, 140, in a six-rounder.

Probably Carlos Chavez, a veteran of over ten years' fisticuffing, isn't the fighter he was as a featherweight, but he looked the Chavez of other years in disposing of Lem Thomas in five rounds at the Los Angeles Olympic. Chavez fought only in spurts, but when he did open up he machine-gunned leather from all angles and the punches were damaging.

Thomas was floored only once, but he would have been much better off on the floor than he was while trying to keep from going down. Short right-hand jolts, hooks and uppercuts kept Thomas rubber-legged and staggering around the ring most of the time. And while the Chicago Negro's legs were doing funny things, Lem's head was being rocked as though it were on hinges. Thomas was a grotesque figure before the brutal beating was ended by Referee Mushy Callahan in the fifth round. Chavez weighed 134, Thomas 138.

In the semi, Baby Neff Ortiz, 135, laced Lou Bernal, 134, in every one of the six rounds.

In the four-rounders: Baby Ike, 144, bested Clifton Lester, 147; Bobby DiGiovanni, 125, decisioned Wayne Cook, 123; Halcon Trejo, 153, nodded Al Williams, 155; Chuck Edwards, 132, decisioned Gil Napier, 129.

Al Spaulding, 193, Oakland, repeated his win over Rusty Payne, 179, at the San Diego Coliseum. In fact, Spaulding did it much more convincingly the second time, rocking Payne to sleep. The scrap was nip and tuck for five rounds. Rusty started fading out of it in the sixth, when the Oaklander staggered Payne with a series of left hooks.

Payne's right eye was swollen closed and he was a weary battler at the end of the eighth, and Spaulding had little trouble finishing Rusty in the ninth. A terrific left hook flattened him for the full count.

In the prelims: Leonard George decisioned Pelon Garcia; Ray Perez won over Jesse Robles; Pepin Reynada beat Al Flores in four; Enoch Lee outscored Broadway Venus in four.

Most of the Filipino fighters coming here from the South Sea Islands, more than live up to their

advance notices, but Mar Bersabal, a Filipino middleweight from Honolulu, is not one of them. He must have come just for the ride. Grover Jackson, 157, Oakland Negro, outclassed Bersabal for five rounds, then came out in the sixth to finish the Filipino, and did. A right to the jaw ended this disappointing setto, which took place at Stockton.

In the three supportng bouts: Speedy Rudy, former Honolulu flyweight, decisioned Andy Leos, Stockton, in six (Yes, again!); Billy Corona, Sacramento, and Ernie Pacheco, Oakland, had their bout stopped and declared a draw in the second, due to an eye injury; Al Moore nodded Billy Smith in four.

A few months ago Jimmy Savala of Madera, seemed headed for boxing fame. He was dubbed the Madera Marvel and regarded as one of the most promising youngsters in the state. But he seems to have lost something else besides the decision to Rudy Garcia, in his first defeat, for he is being beaten regularly since then. Pat Flowers, New Orleans Negro, handed Jimmy his fourth defeat in winning a ten-rounder over Savala at San Jose.

Flowers forced the fighting throughout and Savala was unable to hold him off. Jimmy proved a sucker for Pat's overhand rights, and he was even out-jabbed by the Negro boxer. Flowers, 126, was credited with a margin of six points. Savala weighed 128.

In other bouts: Johnny Miller, 141, Stockton, making his first start in over a year, looked very good in beating Joe Gilmer, 140, Vallejo (6); Frank Buford, 205, Oakland, decisioned Joe Sandell, 209, Fresno, in a heavyhitting setto (6); Billy Beals, 132, Oakland, stopped Ray Acosta, 133, San Leandro (4).

On the strength of his surprising win over Tote Martinez a few weeks previously, Elmer Beltz was regarded as a sure thing over Mario Trigo, in their bout at the Hollywood Stadium. So, Trigo makes Beltz look like an amateur.

Elmer packs a potent right hand, but Trigo is a slippery fellow and after a few rounds it was certain that Mario wasn't to be Beltz'ed out. And every time that the Jewish jolter missed with his right, which was often, Trigo pumped in a salvo of punches. Before it was over, Mario, with his switch-hitting tactics, had Elmer completely bewildered.

And to add to Beltz's humiliation, Trigo, the boxer, landed the most damaging blows, having Beltz, the puncher, hurt in the eighth round. Trigo, 138, was credited with nine of the ten rounds. Beltz weighed 141.

In the ten-round semi-final to the Trigo-Beltz contest, Tommy Yamaoka, 117, Los Angeles Japanese boxer, punched out a decision over Alfredo Chavez, 113, former state flyweight champion.

In the three prelims: Tello Cruz, 137, beat Ken Maeshiro, 134, in a four-rounder; Tommy Harris, 150, T.K.O.'ed Baby Ike, 144, in the third when the latter was unable to continue, due to an injury to his hip in falling out of the ring; Frank Moraga, 169, and Al Hernandez, 166, fought a draw in four.

Rocky Lucero, 131, San Francisco, chalked up his second win over Chuck Wilkerson, 128, Los Angeles Negro, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Lucero proved too strong and rugged for the Negro boxer. The wild swinging Italian swarmed all over Wilkerson, but Chuck kept it a contest all the way.

In remaining bouts: Clifton Lester, 145, decisioned Halcon Trejo, 151, in four; Chuchu Jiminez, 135, and Willie Crawford, 134, drew in four; Tony Grich, 158, and Art Brown, 160, also fought to a draw; Ray Sandoval, 136, nodded Tony Contreras, 134; Jackie Condon, 159, iced Lonnie Malone, 159, in the second.

A couple of American lightweights who recently returned from Australia, where both were competing at the same time, squared off against each other in their first engagement since arriving home. Reference is made to Rudy Cruz, 138, Los Angeles Mexican boxer, and Jimmy Carter, 135, New York Negro puncher. They met in a 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic.

Cruz is not an aggressive fighter and Carter did not make the determined effort necessary to break through Rudy's defence, that is, he didn't until it was too late to win by it. For seven rounds, Cruz circled, jabbed lightly and grabbed. Carter continually moved in, but not with enough fire. Jimmy came out riled up in the eighth, kept his irons hot in the ninth and tenth, and there was action in these final three heats. The decision to Cruz was a split one and the bout was close enough to be declared a draw.

In the semi, Frank Muche, 135, Niles (Ohio), stopped Roland Cannon, 132, Chicago Negro, in the fourth round. Muche whaled Cannon with a lot of roundhouse swings and Roland was making no effort at fighting back at the time the referee declared it over.

In the four-rounders: Ray Perez, 148, decisioned Baby Ray Jones, 144, in a non-stop punching affair; Little Joe Charles, 204, and Joe Sandell (A. D. Grant), 208, mauled to a draw; Roy Daniels, 154, whipped Eddie Seale, 155; Aurelio Ramirez, 145, was lucky in being declared winner over Lonnie Hutson, 144, in the third, when the latter suffered an eye injury.

Making the best fight of his young career, Eddie Chavez, San Jose's fast-rising featherweight, won by T.K.O. over Pat Flowers, New Orleans Negro, in the tenth and final round of their go at the San Jose Auditorium.

Other results: Johnny Ortega, 110, defeated Andy Leos, 111 (6); Billy Beals, 133, K.O.'ed Al Moore, 136 (2); Bobby Geer, 118, struck Sammy Garcia, 115, a low blow and the latter was unable to continue, so the bout was declared "no contest."

There are some guys whom Bob Murphy can get out of a sick bed and bowl over. Jimmy O'Dowd of Ponca City (Okla.) is one of them and Murphy knew it, so, although he was suffering from a cold and the examining physician thought he shouldn't, Murphy entered the ring against O'Dowd. Jimmy came out at the bell and tossed a few punches to Bob's body. That was all the punching he did.

Murphy hooked a left into O'Dowd's large, soft tummy and he went down. Jimmy arose at count of eight, but another hook to the bread-basket put him back on the canvas and Referee Joe Stone, seeing no sense in doing all that counting over again, allowed Murphy to hurry home and doctor that cold. The contest lasted 1:38; Murphy weighed 175 to O'Dowd's 193.

In supporting bouts: Tony Grich stopped Morrie McFarland in the fourth; Russ McCarty and Fernando Bastidas had their bouts declared a draw in the third; Manuel Mendoza shaded Chuchu Jiminez in four; Jimmy Dunn K.O.'ed Benny Cousins in the first round.

Those boxers who have beaten Jay Caldwell of Bellflower, would do well to decline a rematch, for Jay has improved much in recent months and he is doing more than evening the score in second clashes. Nap Howard, Los Angeles Negro, who had beaten Caldwell, is the third such victim to have the tables turned on him. It happened at the Hollywood Stadium.

Caldwell won seven of the ten heats and all but stopped Howard in the fourth round. The go was a lively one for four rounds, both being out for a K.O. win, but after the torrid fourth, which took the steam out of both of them, the fight slowed down to a walk. Howard received a brutal beating all during the fourth, but Caldwell could not floor the Negro gamester and Jay exhausted himself in the effort. Caldwell weighed 158, Howard 160.

In the semi, Tommy Yamaoka, 118, and Russ McCarty, 121, fought six sizzling rounds to a draw.

In remaining prelims: Dan Nardico, 171, iced Monte Clark, 170, in two; Lonnie Malone, 164, stopped Jimmy Lydon, 163, in four. Bobby Harris, 159, and Al Williams, 156, had their bout halted in the third and declared a draw, due to an eye injury; Sammy Figueroa, 138, whipped Jimmy Burhus, 138, in four.

In the most thrilling scrap seen at Stockton in a long, long time, Lauro Salas, 129, Monterrey, Mex., checked the winning streak of Johnny Effhan, 128, Honolulu Hurricane, before a near-capacity crowd at the Civic Auditorium. These two hard-hitting gamesters fought like demons throughout the entire ten heats.

The gate, $5468, was the best in months, but it is not nearly the amount that a rematch between these two gamecocks would draw.

In other bouts: Oscar Penn, 160, defeated Cordell Jones, 159 (4); Bobby Geer, 119, won by T.K.O. over Reuben Gomez, 122, because of an eye cut (3); Speedy Rudy, 112, won over Andy Leos, 111, also by the cut eye route (3).

In a fight that prompted ringsiders to toss coins into the ring in appreciation, Eddie Chavez, 127, San Jose, defeated Manuel Hernandez, 123, Mexico, in ten rounds at the San Jose Auditorium. In spite of the fact that Chavez was credited with nine of the rounds, it was an exciting setto all the way, for some of the heats were very close and Hernandez, a perpetual glove-tosser, kept tearing in.

Some of Hernandez's flurries forced Chavez to give ground, and Manuel connected with several overhand pitches, but for the most part, he was on the receiving end of a lacing, Chavez proving too fast and sharp for the little gamester from below the Border.

Other results: Mel Morris, 151, was awarded an unearned decision over Ernie Greer, 145, in six; Mike Martinez, 136, outpointed Billy Beals, 134, in a fast six-rounder; Ellis Brooks, 151, bested Joe Sims, 147, in a four.

In one of the most exciting fights of the year at the Ocean Park Arena where good fights are the weekly menu, Ramon Dioses, 165, upset the dope in pounding out a decision over Rodney Jones, 171. From the first round, when Jones floored Dioses for a nine-count with a hard right to the jaw, to the tenth round, when the Mexican belted Rodney all over the ring—it was a thriller.

First one, then the other was beaten about the ring, on the verge of going down, and they were a messed-up pair of battlers at the finish. It was a matter of which one had the most stamina and it proved to be Dioses.

In remaining bouts, all four-rounders: Chuchu Jiminez, 137, beat Butch Maxwell, 138; Gil Napier, 131, won over Tony Espinoza, 129; Harold Jordan, 142, and Bob Terrance, 141, drew; Jimmy Stewart, 142, was given a draw with Perk Glenn, 139; Duke Chronister, 138, stopped Willie Crawford, 134, in the third.

In chilling Wendell Gallant, 168, Phoenix, in the first round at the San Diego Coliseum, Chick Musgrove, 162, chalked up his most impressive win since his return to the ring, a few months ago. A long left uppercut to the chin put Gallant down for the count a few seconds before the bell ending the opening round. Musgrove had decked Gallant for a no-count with a sweeping left hook a minute before, and hurt him with a right to the ribs just before landing the finisher.

In supporting bouts; Bert Mendoza, 166, Cucamonga, whipped Art Brown, 163, Los Angeles, in six; Bobby Garza, 123, San Antonio, beat Jimmy Dunn, 120, San Diego, in a six; Chuchu Jiminez, 138, Mexico, won over Al Barran, 133, Fallbrook, in a four; Mario Torres, 159, stopped Halcon Trejo, 154, El Paso, in the second.

When Tote Martinez, 143, Stockton, dropped Hank Herring, 147, San Diego Negro, for a 9-count in the opening round of their contest at the San Jose Auditorium, the customers began to plan on where they would go so early in the evening, but Martinez made little effort to finish the job, taking things easy in both the 2nd and 3rd rounds.

Martinez opened up in the 4th, forcing Herring all over the ring, but Hank was not being decked anymore this evening. After this session, Tote slowed down again, while Herring did a little better as the bout progressed. But at no time did Hank appear headed for victory and the bout became less interesting. In fact, the setto, as a whole, was a dull one.

Other results; Sal Perea, 155, defeated Ernie Greer, 147, in a hard fought six-round semi; Billy Beals, 133, was declared a KO winner over Mike Martinez, 135, in the first round; Martinez arose at time referee waved him "out", and many of the fans thought the boxer beat the count; Ellis Brooks, 153, decisioned Joe Gonzales, 156, in four.

Having been 'under the weather' much of the time during the past month, the writer did not get to make up the annual rating of California boxers. It really does take considerable time, if one is to be conscientious in compiling it, and I had better be, for, I have to live out here with these boxers and their managers. If the Editor is willing, I will rate the California boxers in the next issue.

In almost every issue, I repeat the statement that letters which do not contain a stamped, self-addressed envelope, will not be answered, yet, I receive dozens of such letters every month. Those who have neglected to enclose such an addressed envelope, know that I wasn't fooling. To those who are about to write me, I repeat the admonition—with a please.

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BANTAMWEIGHTS

Danny O'Sullivan flattened Michel Verhamme in 53 seconds. European Champion Luis Romero lost overweight match to featherweight Jean Machterlinck, 10.

Gus Foran dropped decision to featherweight Denny Dawson, 8. Bobby Boland stopped Max Brady, 4.

Jimmy Watkins knocked out Benny Lopez, 2. Peter Morrison outpointed Ronnie Bissell, 8.

Tommy Proffitt halted Jackie Sutton, 5.

Danny O'Sullivan stopped Teddy Gardner, 9.

FLYWEIGHTS

Knocked out in one round by Joe Murphy, Jackie Briers came back to hold Scottish Champion Norman Tennant to 10-round draw. Vic Herman stiffened Mark Harrison, 1.

Henry Carpenter halted Billy Barnes, 4, and outpointed Billy Hazelgrove, 8. Otello Belardinelli retained Italian title by winning over Dove Fattori, 12.

Buddy Baggett licked Manuel Soto, 10.

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By JERSEY JONES

IF his mournful exhibition against Robert Villemain in their encore outing in Madison Square Garden can be accepted at face value, Jake LaMotta would appear to be one current world champion slated for an "ex" listing during 1950.

It has been quite a spell since Garden habitues have seen a champion display less titular talents than LaMotta uncovered against Villemain, and the impression is now a conviction that Jake has lost much of his one-time ruggedness and stamina.

Battered and weary, LaMotta barely survived the tenth round with the chunky, persistent Frenchman, and had the scrap been over the championship 15-round route, it is doubtful if he would have lasted the distance.

There is some talk now that, if and when the battered Bronxite is ready to defend his somewhat tainted laurels, Villemain will be nominated as the party of the contending part. By his decisive win in their non-title affair, the Frenchman qualified for a crack at Jake's wobbly crown.

Then, too, there is a "sentimental" angle that favors Villemain's selection for a championship bout. With Marcel Cerdan's tragic passing, LaMotta "owes" France a chance to regain the title, and Villemain would appear to be the best of the nation's middleweight representatives.

Not, of course, that Robert actually is the best of LaMotta's assorted challengers. On and off the records, he isn't even the best of the international entries. For one, Dave Sands, Australian holder of the British Empire title, rates above him. Sands handed Villemain a vicious lacing in London not so long ago.

The best 160-pounder in the European theatre of operations is the Italian, Tiberio Mitri, who sports the continental title, is unbeaten in three years of professional activity, and has whipped, among others, Dick Turpin of England, Laurent Dauthuille, and the Stock brothers (Jean and Gilbert) of France, and Cyrille Delannoit of Belgium.

Randolph Turpin, youngest of the three English fighting brothers, is another middleweight shaping up as a dangerous threat to American world supremacy. A lusty puncher with either hand, and improving steadily in his ring technique, 21-year-old Randy's recent exploits in Britain have included spectacular knockouts of Delannoit and Pete Mead.

On the American front, the hottest "natural" for LaMotta would be a meeting with Ray Robinson. And from a box-office if not an aesthetic standpoint, there is Rocky Graziano.

There's tough competition in them thar middleweight hills, and we doubt that Jake LaMotta will be able to hold his title through 1950, unless he is capable of conducting himself in considerably more impressive fashion than he did in the final appearance of his 1949 campaign.

DISCUSSING world champions and international competition, there's a strong likelihood that another Frenchman, featherweight Raymond Famechon, will be hopping over to New York shortly to try his luck with Willie Pep. The match is brewing for the Garden. Like Randy Turpin, Ray Famechon is the youngest—and best—of three battling brothers. (The others are flyweight Emile and lightweight Andre.) Inch for inch and pound for pound, 25-year-old Ray is rated the top fighter over yonder. He recently retained his European 126-pound title by whipping the British champion, Ronnie Clayton, in Manchester.

THE recent passing, within one week, of Johnny Solsberg in Brooklyn and Johnny (K.O.) Eggers in Jersey City recalled the once-affluent era of the now-practically-defunct bantam division. From about 1908 until early in the '20s, the little fellows packed both quality and quantity in their ranks—and Solsberg and Eggers, at their peaks, rated well up with the good 'uns. Oddly enough, though they were contemporary, and fought quite a few of the same opponents, they never met up with each other in the ring.

Solsberg was a Norwegian. (Actually, the name was Solberg, but somewhere along the way an announcer must have slipped another "s" in there, and it became permanent in the records.) Johnny was 13 when the family emigrated to the United States, and settled in the rugged Red Hook section of Brooklyn.

There never was a complete record kept of Solsberg's busy career, but Paddy Roche, who managed him through most of it, estimates that Johnny must have fought nearly 400 battles.

Solsberg was a vicious puncher. To this day, Joe Lynch will tell you that his toughest fight was the one with Johnny at the old Harlem Sporting Club in 1917. Lynch had rough going that night, and was on the canvas three times during the brawl.

Solsberg didn't miss many of the top bantams. Besides Lynch, he tangled with Johnny Coulon, Kid Williams, Pete Herman, Johnny Ertle, Frankie Burns, Memphis Pal Moore, Joe Burman, Jack Sharkey, Charley Goldman, Georgie Kitson, Young Zulu Kid, Johnny Rosner, Battling Reddy, Dutch Brandt, Danny Kramer and Packey O'Gatty.

Also a lusty puncher, Eggers—correct name Eger—campaigned in both the bantam and feather classes, and among those he met were Frankie Burns, Terry Martin, Frankie Fleming, Pete Herman, Dutch Brandt, George (K.O.) Chaney, Charley Goldman, Frankie (Young) Britt, Al Shubert and Young Rector.

Conditions being what they are in the trade these days, we could well use a revival of the bantam division—and the likes of a few Solsbergs and Eggers.

WITH our New York State Athletic Commission utterly snubbing and refusing to cooperate with the National Boxing Association, it was quite a back-handed slap at Messrs. Eddie Eagan and associates for the New York Boxing Writers to select Abe J. Greene, top man of the N.B.A., for this year's James J. Walker Trophy, awarded annually for "long and meritorious service to the person who has done the most for boxing over a period of years."

PROSPERITY NOTE: With the fistic fraternity wearing out crying towels in wholesale lots these days and nights, it's encouraging to read that a card staged by Larry Atkins in Cleveland has just set an all-time indoor attendance record for Ohio boxing. The annual Christmas Fund show there drew a sellout crowd of 14,202 to the Arena, and the all-star bill grossed $87,374. But *what* a card for Cleveland—or anywhere, for that matter. Rocky Graziano vs. Sonny Horne, Sandy Saddler vs. Orlando Zulueta, Chuck Hunter vs. Dick Wagner, and Eddie Marotta vs. Lino Garcia! Proving, as we've said often enough before, that if you give the fans what appeals to them, they'll turn out.

Because of the limited capacity of Harringay Arena, and the devaluation of the pound, London promoter Jack Solomons is shifting the January 24 light-heavyweight title affair between Freddie Mills and Joey Maxim to the larger Earl's Court, and is figuring on a $200,000 house. Solomons also has another title match lined up for his clientele, Manuel Ortiz having been booked to stake his bantam laurels in a February 28 scuffle with Danny O'Sullivan, Britain's top 118-pounder.

Unless a fight is completely one-sided, it is unusual for all the officials to come up with identical scorecards. But referee and both judges matched perfectly in voting Joe Lindsay a 7-2-1 winner over Jimmy Slade in their recent get-together at Sunnyside Garden.

You can add to your list of 1949's outstanding developments the name of Jimmy Beau, Pete Montesi's young middleweight. Beau's first effort against top opposition was something to see. The kid lost to Tommy Yarosz at the St. Nick Arena, but came through with a bang-up performance that tabbed him as something to watch from here on in.

Built along short and squatty lines, Roland LaStarza invariably is handicapped in height and reach against heavyweights of more normal proportions, and that may have something to do with his cautious tactics. Instead of trying to box at long range, the chunky Bronxite probably would look a lot better—and produce more effective results—if he learned how to work in close quarters. We did that, 20 years, with Bingo Joe Banovic, and the Binghamtonian developed into one of the best operators, and most destructive infighters, in the light-heavyweight class.

JOE LOUIS is thinking of carrying his current exhibition, or no-decision, tour to South America. Joe, incidentally, didn't do his colleagues in the International Boxing Club any good by flattening Pat Valentino in Chicago. Some elaborate plans had been mapped out for Valentino by the I.B.C., but they've been tossed in the ashcan now. It's difficult trying to make Big-Time of a fighter who gets himself flattened in an exhibition—even by a Joe Louis.

Blinky Palermo is considering an offer to tote Ike Williams to Manila for a meeting with Bernie Docusen.

The general slump in boxing on the Atlantic seaboard, plus the difficulty he has encountered trying to crash the tight New York cliques, has Maynard Jones thinking of trying his luck in California. The young Wilmington, Del., heavyweight should do all right on the Pacific coast, where folks recall him winning the All-Navy title in San Diego on his 19th birthday in 1947.

Johnny Attell, eastern representative of Jackie Keough, ought to have no trouble getting work for the Cleveland middleweight. Keough looked very good in walloping Villemain's stablemate, Germaine Caboche, on the LaMotta-Villemain card in the Garden.

It's unfortunate for colorful kids like Gaetano Annaloro, the Italian-Tunisan, that no serious effort has been made to revive the bantam class hereabouts. To keep active, Annaloro has to meet featherweights, and giving away five and six pounds to opponents like Bobby Bell and Charley Titone is a hefty assignment for a little fellow.

THE month's results:

Likely-looking Walter Haines, 142, Brooklyn, made it 24 wins in 25 starts by stopping Johnny Darby, 145½, Paterson, N. J., in 52 seconds of the final round of a scheduled eight at the Eastern Parkway. Darby was down for nine in the third, eight in the sixth, and in bad shape when Referee Ray Miller called a halt. Ray Castillo, 125¾, Havana, decisioned Nick Murphy, 122, Flint, Mich., in the semi-final six. Another six was over in a hurry, Sonny Parisi, 193, Brooklyn, polishing off Allen Robinson, 192, San Antonio, Tex., in 1:54 of the first. In fours, Johnny Sturges, 137½, outpointed a fellow-Bronxite, Howie Friedman, 143¼; Johnny Meza, 141, West Side, won over Walter Keyes, 136, Greenville, S. C., and Vince Murray, 133¾, Hempstead, beat Sammy Sanchez, 130½, Bronx.

Imported from Costa Rica, via Cuba, Tuzo (Kid) Portuguez, 154, celebrated his ring debut in the United States by stopping Bobby Mann, 153½, Trenton, with only 39 seconds remaining of a scheduled ten at the St. Nick Arena. Though crude in technique, Portuguez shaped up as a willing worker and dangerous puncher. Going into the last round, he was losing, but he turned loose a furious drive that Mann couldn't stop. Bobby was dropped for two counts of eight and one for nine before Referee Johnny Burns decided enough was enough. In another ten, Raoul Perez, 145½, Havana, won over Jimmy Sanders, 148, Pittsburh. Bill Bossio, 119½, Pittsburgh, decisioned Jose Aponte Torres, 123½, Puerto Rico, in six. In fours, Hector Rodriguez, 122¼, Brooklyn, outpointed Raphael Laboy, 126, Puerto Rico, and Roman Barchuk, 143½, East Side, kayoed Eugene Llanis, 146¼, Bronx, in the third.

Showing for the first time in a metropolitan ring, Georgie Dunn, 132½, Hartford, made the most of the occasion by punching out a kayo over Lino Garcia, 131½, Havana, in the final round of a scheduled ten at Sunnyside Garden. The windup was in keeping with the rest of the card, which scattered kayos all over the premises. Only one bout, a four, went its route, Joe Aurillo, 156½, Chester, Pa., drawing with Jim Suder, 151, Greenville, S. C. In the other numbers, Carl Taulman, 141, Piermont, N. Y., polished off Henry Caballero, 146½, Puerto Rico, in the fourth; Frankie Nardizzi, 141, Corona, dropped Herb Dudley, 136, Bronx, in the third; Johnny Orgen, 198, Bronx, stiffened George Maverick, 184, Elizabeth, N. J., also in the third, and Hal Simpson, 172½, Cliffside, N. J., needed only one round to finish Bob Steel, 169, Brewster, N. Y.

Georgie Kaplan, 187½, Brooklyn, made it 18 straight wins by putting away Johnny Bassett, 174, Burlington, Vt., in the second at the Broadway Arena. Kaplan used the first round to size up his opponent, and lost no time getting to work when the second started. A right to the chin dropped Bassett for eight; another right, followed by a left hook, spilled him for nine, and when the right again tumbled the Vermonter, Referee Mark Conn called it a night. Time of the round was 1:41. Jack Porter, 180, Oakland, Cal., drew with Jimmy Slade, 178¼, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Carmine Fiore, 140, Brooklyn, whipped Luis Ortiz, 139¾, Puerto Rico, in another six. In fours, Sammy Larotta, 150, Belleville, N. J., decisioned Johnny Noel, 147, East New York; Jimmy Watkins, 116, Brooklyn, stopped Benny Lopez, 117, Puerto Rico, in the second, and Angelo Luongo, 154½, Greenwich Village, kayoed Ruben Miller, 156, Columbus, Ga., in the first.

A youngster definitely worth tabbing, Roger Donaghue, 151½, Yonkers, ran off his 11th straight win of the year (nine of his previous triumphs had been via knockouts) by pounding out a decision over Tommy Englehardt, 157, Astoria, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Promising Sonny Parisi, 191½, Brooklyn, chalked up his fifth kayo in as many pro starts by spilling Keene Simmons, 199¼, Bayonne, in the fifth of the semi-final. In sixes, Johnny Ford, 139½, Philadelphia, outpointed Jay White, 138, Jersey City, and Joe Torrens, 134½, Puerto Rico, edged out Herbie Johnson, 139, Brooklyn. Both fours wound up in two-round kayos, Gene Japnie, 136, Bronx, stiffening Ray Gourley, 144, Jersey City, and Frank Carrao, 125, East Side, finishing Max Vasquez, 121½, Puerto Rico.

Topping the first professional card offered at the Jamaica Arena in nearly a year, Jimmy Watkins, Jr., 136, New London, Conn., stopped Pat O'Leary, 133½, a visitor from Denver, Col., in the sixth of a scheduled eight. In a pair of sixes, Lou Felice, 144½, Brooklyn, outpointed Larry Gaffa, 147½, Bronx, and Art Diamond, 151½, Rego Park, turned in a fast job on Frank Navedo, 144½, Bronx, putting him out of competition in 46 seconds of round one. In fours, Hal Sampson, 172½, Cliffside Park, N. J., had the better of Nick Buffalino, 158¾, Ozone Park; Shazan Williams, 138½, Bronx, won over Joe Giacobbe, 141, Brooklyn, and Johnny Noel, 155, East New York, slipped over the quietus on Jimmy Dorta, 154½, Plainfield, N. J., in the third.

Floored for nine in the first, and rubbery-legged at the bell, Gus (Pell) Mell, 148½, Montreal veteran, staged a sensational comeback in the second to stop Ben (Preacher) Jones, 150, Tarboro, N. C., at the Eastern Parkway. In the semi-final six young Sonny Parisi, 194, Brooklyn, ran into unexpected opposition from Eddie Davis, 214½, Chicago, and just about squeezed through with the decision. It was the first time in six pro bouts that Parisi failed to stop his opponent inside the distance. In another six, Johnny Kamber, 129, Livingston, N. J., kayoed Jerry Kortwright, 121½, Puerto Rico, in the third. In fours, Manuel Sanchez, 128½, Puerto Rico, beat Nick Edwards, 127½, Brooklyn; Johnny Sturges, 136½, Bronx, drew with Walter Keyes, 134½, Greenville, S. C., and Vincent D'Andrea, 143, East Side, halted Nick Palermo, 141½, Brooklyn, in the first.

Squaring accounts for the disputed decision he blew in the same ring a few weeks previously, Billy Wyatt, 151, Trenton, outfought Pete Kennedy, 150, White Plains, in a riotous eight at the White Plains Community Center. From a standpoint of concerted action, it was one of the best scraps seen in the metropolitan area in some time. Though knocked down in the third, Irish Jimmy Donnelly, 145, Astoria, came back strong to edge out Carl Taulman, 143, Piermont, N. Y., in a lively semi-final six. Willie Alexander, 120, Philadelphia, and Nick Darby, 124, Jamaica, slugged their way to a draw in another six. In fours, Ernie Koutnik, 134, Paterson, outpointed Pete Tropea, 135, Bronx; Jimmy Monahan, 136, Bronx, flattened Eddie Rollins, 139, Memphis, with only 14 seconds to go, and Jimmy Lee, 164, Bronx, plugged Bill Leake, 166, Yonkers, in the second.

The stylish Billy Graham, 142, East Side, had a bit too much of everything for Tony LaBua, 138¾, Ozone Park, and finished well in front of a ten at the St. Nick Arena. Though handicapped in the last three rounds by a nasty gash over his left eye, Charley Norkus, 191½, Bayonne, whipped Ricky Ronci, 186, Youngstown, Ohio, in the semi-final eight. A strong finish apparently influenced the officials in favor of Mike Fischer, 199½, West Side, over Neil Wallace, 198, Charlotte, N. C., in a free-swinging six. A draw would have been a better verdict. Arthur Persley, 138¼, New Orleans, drew with Richie Orange, 139½, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Johnny Mackenzie, 146½, Jamaica, had the better of Frank Formichelli, 149½, Summit, N. J., and George Burrows, 141, West Side, copped the verdict over Clifford Stevens, 145¾, Newark.

Too smooth an operator for his opponent, Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 133, St. Louis, stopped Aaron Joshua, 128, Calcutta, India, in the sixth of a scheduled eight at the Broadway Arena. Joshua tried his best, but lacked the ruggedness and experience to cope with the St. Louisan. Charley Babock, 174½, Bangor, Maine, polished off Johnny Gatty, 177, East Side, in the second of the semi-final. Phil Morizio, 131, Brooklyn, boxed and punched his way to the decision over Benny Smith, 132½, Bronx, in six. In a trio of fours, Roman Barchuk, 143, East Side, whipped Nick Palermo, 138, Brooklyn; Irv Wallach, 148, East Side, grabbed the verdict over Jimmy Dorta, 152¾, Plainfield, N. J., and Nick Buffalino, 167½, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Tiny Otto, 168½, in the second.

Toss two clouters in with each other and something's bound to happen. Something did when Billy Corbett, 159½, Tacoma, Wash., and Reed (Red Arrow) Johnson, 159¼, Tulsa, Okla., were turned loose in a scheduled eight at the Ridgewood Grove. The younger Corbett proved the better stayer, and scalped the ringworn Indian in the fourth. In another eight, Herbie Morris, 175, Cleveland, polished off Fidel Arciniega, 192½, Spain, in the second. In two sixes, Frankie Carrao, 129, East Side, edged out Raphael Laboy, 126¼, Puerto Rico, and Jay White, 140, Jamaica, beat Joe Murray, 145, Hempstead. In fours, Rocco Compitello, 152½, Brooklyn, decisioned Jack Randolph, 148, Jamaica, and Manuel Baptista, 127½, New Bedford, Mass., won over Billy Proctor, 122½, Harrisburg, Pa.

A last-round rally wasn't enough for Chester Rico, 142, Bronx, and the veteran dropped a close but unanimous decision to busy Mario Moreno, 146, Ozone Park, in eight at the Eastern Parkway. Joe Cardinas, 135, Mexico City, was the winner over Al Smith, 137, Ozone Park, in the semi-final six. Another six was over in a hurry, Tommy McGowan, 146, Brooklyn, stopping Angel Chavez, 143½, Springfield, Mass., in 2:31 of the first. In fours, Billy Ford, 132, Brooklyn, outpointed Sammy Sanchez, 131, Bronx; Johnny Noel, 151, East New York, punched out a verdict over Ray Thomas, 154, Bronx, and Bobby Tighe, 154½, Bay Ridge, had the edge on Jack Randolph, 149½, Harlem.

Bouncing back from his defeat by Billy Graham at the St. Nick Arena, Tony LaBua, 139, Ozone Park, dropped into the Jamaica Arena to whip Jay White, 137½, Jersey City, in eight. In the semi-final, Bill Daly's Irish importation, Charles Patrick Henry, 182½, celebrated his American debut by stiffening Mike Izzo, 220½, Utica, N. Y., in 2:07 of the first. Arthur Persley, 138, New Orleans, kayoed Manuel Dizon, 136, El Paso, Tex., in the fourth of a scheduled six. In fours, Shazan Williams, 136, Bronx, won over Ernie Koutnick, 133, Paterson, N. J.; Walter Keyes, 136½, Greenville, S. C., whipped Johnny Sturges, 136, Bronx, and Matthew Daniels, 167, Washington, D. C., won over Billy Gordon, 169, St. Louis.

Stylish Gene Burton, 147½, Harlem, was too shifty and experienced for Roy Carter, 147, Bronx, and flattened the youngster in 2:24 of the seventh at the St. Nick Arena. The bout was listed for ten. Saved by the bell in the first, Carter came back strong to make things interesting for Burton until a left hook clipped him in the seventh and spilled him for the full count. In two other tens, Jimmy Warren, 134½, outboxed a rival Brooklynite, Jimmy Murphy, 135¾, and Georgie LaFalgio, 132, Bronx, drew with Dino Bleta, 131, Canton, Ohio. In a pair of fours, Sammy Larotta, 150, Belleville, N. J., beat Lenny Durham, 145, Brooklyn, and Hector Maldonado, 127½, Brooklyn, kayoed Billy Forde, 129½, West Side, in the third.

Red-headed James Patrick Connelly, 206½, Portchester, Mass., toted his massive frame and brittle chin into the Broadway Arena for Georgie Kaplan, 188½, Brooklyn, to use for target practice. Connelly did well enough for one round, but Kaplan went to work in a hurry in the second, and in the space of 51 seconds it was three knockdowns and out for the big guy. Carlin Scott, 142, Bronx, outpointed Jimmy Demetrios, 148¼, East Side, in six. Johnny Noel, 154½, East New York, halted Al Adele, 149, Brooklyn, in the second of another six. In fours, Max Osario, 126, Puerto Rico, whipped Jim Williams, 121, East Side; Joe Brown, 176, West Side, stopped Donald Dimig, 171½, New Hyde Park, L. I., in the second, and Rocky Compitello, 155, Brooklyn, polished off Ray Thomas, 155½ Houston, Tex., in the first.

With six wins and two defeats to show for its evening's efforts, the visiting Bronx delegation did all right for itself at Sunnyside Garden. The two reverses were suffered in all-Bronx affairs, Johnny Sturges, 136, losing to Pat Brady, 135, in six, and Johnny Mackenzie, 149, dropping the decision to Harold Alle, 149, in four. Against "outside" competition, the Bronx had a perfect score, posting four-for-four. The borough's winning quartet were Joey Atria, 141, who was too big and strong for Al Pennino, 131½, Brooklyn, in the top eight; Andy Viserto, 130½, who edged out Al Rojas, 137½, Harlem, in six; Sammy Sanchez, 131, who decisioned Carmine Santorola, 155½, Houston, Tex., in

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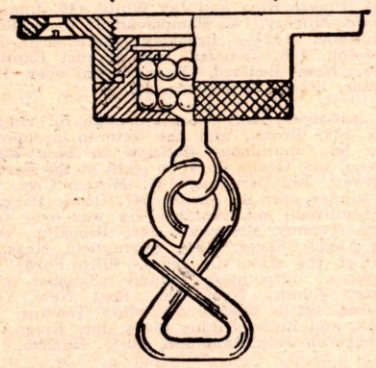

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NEW HAVEN ARENA—Jimmy Rooney, 128½, Bridgeport kayo artist, had to be content with a decision over Eduardo Carrasco, 132½, Peru, in their eight round feature bout. Just before the bell rang ending the first round, Carrasco was dropped with a terrific left hook to the jaw. For the remainder of the bout Carrasco crowded Rooney, never giving him a chance to tee-off another punch.

Johnny O'Connor, 129½, Toledo, Ohio, won the eight round semi-final over Billy Neri, 129, Bridgeport. Neri started fast by handing O'Connor a real boxing lesson but tired about midway in the bout. Tommy Collins, 126½, Boston, required but two rounds to dispose of Georgie Wright, boxing as Jimmy Wright, 125½, of New York. Collins dropped Wright twice for nine before spilling him for the count. Sylvester Payne, 145, New Haven, polished off Jackie Armstrong, 141, Manchester, in the second round.

New Haven Arena—Bernie Reynolds, 186, Fairfield, and Tiger Ted Lowry, 178, New Haven, battled it out to a ten round stalemate. The bout was a mauling affair. Both missed some pretty hefty wallops. Reynolds hurt Lowry with rights to the head in the fifth round but the veteran was too cagey to get into serious trouble. In the final frame Lowry made an all out effort with a body attack that had Reynolds holding on. Reynolds suffered a cut over his right eye in the final stanza. Referee Lou Bogash gave each fighter 46 points.

Sal DiMartino, 151½, Hartford, punched Johnny Crosby, 151, New York, out of the picture in the third round in the semi-final. Ritchie Orange, 139, New Yorker now living in New Haven, outboxed veteran Doug Carter, 141½, Newark, N. J., in six. Sylvester Payne, 148, New Haven, disposed of Jimmy Doughta, 147, New York, in the first round.

Hartford Auditorium—Charley Salas, 148, Phoenix, Ariz., outfought Marcellino Armentero, 151, Cuba, in ten hard fought rounds. Salas was the aggressor. In the fourth, Salas cornered Armentero against the ropes where he belabored him with rights to the jaw. Salas again trapped Armentero against the ropes in the sixth. During the last four rounds they both rocked each other. Referee Joe Currie's final tally had them only one point apart with Salas out in front.

Rudy Pasco, 124, Montreal, looked good in stopping an ill-conditioned Tomas Beato, 129, Santo Domingo, in the eighth and final round. Beato was on the floor in the fourth and eighth rounds. Rafael Lastre, 134, a newcomer from Cuba, stopped Manuel Correa, 131, Mexico, in the fifth round. Lastre bears watching. He shows a lot of promise.

Waterbury—Mara's Arena—Tommy Ciarlo, 149½, Waterbury, left hooked his way to a ten round decision over Tommy Bazzano, 151, Middletown. After a slow first round Ciarlo went to work winging his left hook against the features of the Middletown battler. He dropped Bazzano for a two count in the third, in the seventh just before the bell, and again midway in the eighth.

New Haven Arena—Jimmy Rooney, 128½, Bridgeport, won a highly disputed eight round decision over Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 130, New York. The veteran Lewis was too cagey to be nailed by Rooney's vaunted left hook. Lewis appeared lackadaisical and did not seem to put forth his best efforts. This probably was the reason Referee Billy Conway awarded the bout to Rooney by a point margin of 38-24 as Rooney was the aggressor throughout.

Johnny O'Connor, 126, Toledo, Ohio, stopped Johnny Longo, 127, Baltimore, in the fourth round. Longo started like a ball of fire but tired and received a severe beating which prompted Referee Conway to call a halt as Longo was taking unnecessary punishment. Sylvester Payne, 150, New Haven, added the name of Jimmy Snedecker, 153½, New York, to his growing list of knockout victims by stowing him away in the first round.

Hartford Auditorium—Lino Armentero, 153, Cuba, bounced Bill Daly, 154, Boston, off the canvas five times before Referee Hugh Devlin stopped the one-sided fight. After a few seconds of eventless sparring in the first round Armentero dropped Daly for an eight count with a right to the jaw. Another right spilled him again. When he arose Armentero stepped in to finish his task when the bell came to Daly's rescue.

Daly was dropped by a right and left at the outset of the third round. He got up to bring the fight to Armentero who waged a two-fisted offensive that soon had Daly on the canvas again. He arose on unsteady pins only to be felled again. Referee Devlin intervened.

Tommy Bazzano, 150, Middletown, and Charley Soter, 150, Boston, were given the old "heave-ho" by Referee Devlin in the sixth round after repeated warnings failed to bring any action. The bout was called no contest. Guy Guerette, 147½, Hartford, exploded a right on the jaw of Rock DiFranco, 149, Springfield, to win by a first round kayo.

New Haven Arena—Verne Mitchell, 182, Detroit, Mich., survived a late rally staged by Tiger Ted Lowry, 177, New Haven, to win their ten round feature bout. For the first three rounds Mitchell was the aggressor. He raked Lowry with left hooks to the head and body and while in close gave Lowry a cuffing.

Mitchell's left eye was cut in the sixth and his nose bled. Lowry's rally came too late to offset the early lead Mitchell had accumulated.

Tommy Collins, 126, Boston, stopped a scared and overmatched Frankie Velez, 130, Paterson, N. J., in the second round. Referee John Cluney stopped the bout after Velez had been on the floor five times. Sylvester Payne, 146, New Haven, was forced to go into the third round before catching up with Johnny Malone, 143, New York, to score a knockout in their scheduled sixer. Don Fisher, 168, Shelton, needed but 29 seconds of the first round to dispose of Joe Oliva, 171, New York.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—George Dunn, 132½, Hartford, punched out an eight round win over Paulie Jackson, 132½, Reading, Pa., in the initial showing of George Sheppard's new club. Jackson was the aggressor from the start. Jackson threw enough punches in the second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh rounds to earn an even break on Referee Nathan Mann's scoreboard for those rounds. Jackson suffered a slight gash over his left eye in the eighth round. The undercard consisted of all semi-pro bouts.

Hartford Auditorium—Denis Pat Brady, 134, New York, was extended all the way in taking a ten round decision from Reuben Davis, 130, Fall River. Brady looked much better than he has in several months. He fought over the full distance instead of relying upon ten second rallies at the end of each round. He was, however, a little flabby and slow afoot. Referee Eddie Reed saw Brady winning six rounds, Davis, one, and called three frames even with a point total of 49-44.

Charley Angelee, 155, Pawtucket, R. I., had too much on the ball for Leon Brown, 156, Hartford, and won the decision in their hard fought six round battle. Art Suffoletta, 136, Bridgeport, annilated Barney (Red) Taylor, 132, Utica, N. Y., in the third round.

Waterbury—Mara's Arena—Tommy Ciarlo, 147, Waterbury, retained his state welterweight title from the challenges of former champion Vic Cardell, 145, Hartford, by fighting to a draw in their twelve rounder. The majority of the spectators thought that Cardell had won the fight and hence were not in accord with Referee Eddie Moore's decision. Moore called the first three rounds even but Ciarlo started to move out in front by beating Cardell to the punch with a left hook starting with the fourth round. Ciarlo carried the attack through the seventh round but appeared to tire in the eighth as Cardell got the range with straight right hands from open fighting and right uppercuts while in close. Vic came down the stretch to apparent victory only to have Ciarlo's hand raised with his in token of a draw decision.

HERE AND THERE AROUND THE STATE—Billy Taylor, of Hartford, resigned as a member of the state's staff of referees. Taylor felt that a change in his assignment from a New Haven professional show to a New Britain semi-pro show was a reflection on his ability. . . . State Athletic Commissioner Samuel H. Malkan pulled a "boner" in stating that he thought Vic Cardell had won his bout with Tommy Ciarlo. Malkan by not standing behind the decision of Referee Eddie Moore, whom he had assigned to be third man, in effect stated that his official was incapable. . . . Earlier in the month in New Haven Malkan made a fuss when an inept and overmatched fighter was unable to compete against the good fighter with whom he was matched. As boxing commissioner it is his duty to know something about the fighters before he sanctions any match. By sanctioning the match he was as much responsible for the fighter being in the ring as any one else. . . . It is a shame that appointments to the boxing commission and deputies are made for political reasons instead of being on the merit of the man. . . . Promoter Pete Montesi is giving wrestling a whirl in Danbury and writes that the people love it. . . . Hats off to Tony Paoli, who has done a wonderful job of whipping Tommy Ciarlo, Waterbury welterweight, back into shape. Tommy has scored four wins and boxed a draw in addition to winning the state welterweight title in his most recent comeback. . . . Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

LEE OMA, the lackadaisical Detroit Adonis, easily won over rough and willing Freddie Beshore of California in a ten-rounder at the Fairview club's show at Memorial Auditorium. Although all three officials agreed that Oma was the winner, some fans jeered the decision.

In your correspondent's opinion Oma won easily.

The Oma-Beshore program drew 7,446 paid admissions for a net gate of $12,931.

Henry Brimm, Buffalo's star middleweight, has temporarily retired from the ring. He is working at the Lackawanna steel plant. Brimm, who held Sugar Ray Robinson to a draw last spring, is disgusted. He can't get matches to topline middleweights.

Here's the results of prelim bouts on the Oma-Beshore card: Joey DiLiberto, 151½, Buffalo, knocked out Glenn Massey, 146, Buffalo, in 41 seconds of the first round.

In the six-round semifinal, Spider Johnny Thompson, 131½, Buffalo, won decision over Manuel Correa, 128½, Mexico. A three-inch cut over his left eye forced Bruce Foote, 147½, Buffalo, into a T.K.O. defeat. Foote lost to Cassell Tate, 149½, of Albany. Dave Cochrane, 145, Buffalo, defeated Tony DiPelino, 146¼, Buffalo, in six rounds.

Jack Singer Junior, who is now promoting for the Hudson Club, has several good matches in view. He is running his father's gym.

In Wrestling—Big Ed George has uncovered a whale of a drawing card in Yukon Eric. The heavily built youngster, who claims Alaska as his home, is proving a riot here.

Bert Finch has a good boy in Kid Rowland, a clever lightweight from the Southwest.

Robert Villemain, the French middleweight star, looked very good when he defeated Tony DiMicco of Schenectady at the Hudson Club.

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PEP STAR IN FIGHT OF THE YEAR

(Continued from page 23)

of times. In the last minute, only the courage born of desperation and dogged determination, kept Pep on his feet.

WHEN the bell rang ending hostilities, it was an exhausted Willie who went back to his corner. He had made it but only by a hairsbreadth. Had Saddler won more of the earlier rounds or had he not blown those near the finish he would have kept the title.

The decision was unanimous, with Judge Frank Forbes calling it 9-5-1, Judge Jack O'Sullivan giving it to Pep at 9-6, and Referee Eddie Joseph calling it 10-5 for Willie.

Another year has been recorded in the history of pugilism. The struggles, hardships, joys and sorrows, victories and defeats all are down in the annals. On that page reserved for all time thrills is listed the second Pep-Saddler fight, which of all has to be given the call as the Fight of the Year 1949.

BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

JOSE RIOS, 139, was declared the winner over the Uruguayan Champion Romero Rodriguez, 137.

Dante Pereyra, 161, just managed to win over R. Miranda, 163, on points, eight rounds. V. Acosta, 136, K.O.'ed Eduardo Moyano, 137, in the fifth round. Jose Genovese, 134, drew with O. Ramallo, 133, six rounds.

In San Juan—Miguel Rodriguez, 148, beat M. Makarian, 146, in a hard close fight.

In Mendoza—Julio Salcedo, 139, won well on points over F. Pizarro, 139. Pizarro went down several times.

In Mar del Plata—Antonio Cuevas, 148, beat the Chilian champion Hugo Caro, 145, on points in ten rounds.

In Chascomus—Julian Meyer, 137, won a hard fight on points against Waldino Lopez, 140, in ten rounds.

In Ciudadela—Julio Giardino, 149, beat Alfonso Carinci, 162, on points, 10 rounds.

In Avellaneda—Unbeaten after 18 fights, the sensational Roberto Giminez, 137, K.O.'ed Roberto Ferrari, 140, in the fifth round.

In Ciudadela—Enrique Jover, 162, won by disqualification over Gracian Molina, fifth round.

In Mar del Plata—A large crowd went to see the middleweight championship, in which Alberto Giglio, 162, beat J. Carrano, 163, on points after ten highly contested rounds. Alberto Daher, 150, beat Gogoberto Garcia, 152, well on points.

In Cordoba—The sensational K. O. Lausse, 149, giving 15 pounds, beat Francisco Pagola, 164, on points. Manuel Fernandez, 165, was disqualified in his bout with Conrado Vera, 164, in the second round.

In Tandil—Orlando Bustos, 141, beat J. Corogno, 146, on points.

In Mendoza—Valeriano Mesa, 136, barely beat Oscar Flores, 139, on points.

In San Rafael—The hard-hitting Alberto Aguirre, 162, after ten furious rounds drew with F. Suriano, 161.

In Cordoba—Jose M. Gatica, 137, beat R. Romano on points.

In La Plata—Francisco Gimenez, 162, won well on points after having knocked down Francisco Gomez, 161, for eight seconds in the sixth round.

In San Nicolas—Juan Striano, 145, beat Livio Sosa, 143, well on points, ten rounds.

In Bahia Blanca—Repeating his last performances, the unbeaten Juan Olmedo, 146, K.O.'ed D. Garcia, 150, in the fifth. Garcia was down in the first, second and fourth rounds.

In Tandil—Enrique Jover, 157, lost to A. Cuevas, 150, in ten rounds.

In San Juan—Bettering his last performance, Julio Giardino, 148, K.O.'ed Miguel Rodriguez, 148, in the eighth round.

In Mendoza—Juan Oviedo, 158, defeated Pedro Cobas, 160. It was a dramatic fight during the whole of the ten rounds.

In Rio Cuarto—In a return bout, Angel Olivieri, 140, stopped Pascual Soriano, 139, in the fourth round. His second victory.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. J. A. Vieites

ORIENTE—Ciro Moracen, 119½, featherweight champion of Cuba, scored another easy victory by taking a ten round decision over Battling Socarras, 126¼.

Moracen looked fine and soon he'll get world recognition as challenger for his division or among the bantams.

Emilio Figueroa, 126, won a close eighter in the semi-final from Fernando Amante, 123¾.

Havana—Luis Godoy's new hope, Basilio Garcia, 127½, scored another victory when he disposed of Moro Duany, 124¾, in the fifth in the star billing of Godoy's promotion at Guanabacoa Stadium, over the Havana Bay.

Basilio Garcia looked fine. Godoy has more hopes for him than he had for Miguel Acevedo, when he first took care of the former featherweight champion of Cuba.

The saddest boxing moment of the year happened in Havana last month witn the passing of Mrs. Gertrude Phillips Fleischer in the Anglo-American Hospital. . . . It was a tragic moment but the whole Boxing Commission, the sports director as well as every newspaperman and every boxing fan, was with Nat during those moments. . . . Mrs. Fleischer was known and liked in Havana.

The Annual Convention of the N.B.A. took place in Havana, during which time a lot of interesting things happened. Nat Fleischer was elected Honorary Member of the N.B.A. . . . He read a letter from Eddie Eagan, New York State Athletic Commission Chairman. . . . Pedro Mendieta, Vice-President of our Commission, was elected Honorary 5th Vice-President of the N.B.A., and yours truly was elected by new President, Mr. Fred J. Saddy, member of the N.B.A. Rating Committee.

The Cuban Ratings for 1949 follow:

Heavyweights—Champion Omelio Agramonte. Contenders: Giraldo Valdes, Aldo Rodriguez, Luis L. Gonzalez.

Light-heavyweights — Champion, Yova Kid. Contenders, Tony Casas, Juan Naranjo, Cecilio Valdes, Carlos Ramirez, Jose Casals.

Middleweights—Champion, Jesus Vila. Contenders: Kid Gavilan, Baby Coullimber, Kid Charolito, Lino Armenteros.

Welterweights—Champion, Baby Coullimber. Contenders, Kid Gavilan, Kid Charolito, Chico Varona, Raoul Perez, Julio Pedroso, Tony Armenteros, Wilfred Miro.

Lightweights—Champion, Rafael Lastre. Contenders, Orlando Zulueta, Jesus Garcia, Miguel Mendivil, Bombon Oriental, Tony Alvarez.

Featherweights — Champion, Ciro Moracen. Contenders, Miguel Acevedo, Humberto Sierra, Diego Sosa, Mario Pacheco, Basilio Garcia, Mario Morales, Lino Garcia, Lorenzo Safora, Carlos Carrillo, Emilio Figueroa, Batt. Socarras, Bat. Martinez, Cecil Fernandez.

Bantamweights—Champion, Luis Galvani. Contenders, Ciro Moracen, Black Pico, Armando (Polaco) Lopez, Manny Armenteros, Mario Rivero, Miguel Cairo, Alfonso Pages, Ramon Castillo, Jorge Sanchez.

Flyweights—Champion, Black Pico. Contenders, Luis Fuentes, Luis Mesa, Tomas Vega, Amado Mir, Baby Tolin, Oscar Suarez, Baby Pijuan, Martin Alfonso, Frank Tosar, Armando Diaz.

Boxer of the Year—Kid Gavilan. **Most Promising**—Ciro Moracen. **Bears Watching**—Basilio Garcia.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By Lawson Bampton

KID GAVILAN, the "Cuban Hawk", scored a close, but impressive, ten-round victory over Laurent Dauthuille, 154½, French middleweight hope, in a fast battle that attracted nearly 12,000 fans who paid a Canadian indoor sports record gate of $54,610 at the Montreal Forum. This exceeded the previous mark set by the Beau Jack-Johnny Greco bout there by nearly $2,000, but did not threaten the outdoor mark of over $77,000 established by the Dauthuille-Greco ballpark match last August. Dauthuille, at 154½, was overtrained and did not display the speed and fire characteristic of his previous showings here. However, Gavilan's speed and ringcraft had much to do with the Frenchman's off-color display. The "Havana Harpoon", scaling a surprising 151, fought a stalking offensive battle that kept Dauthuille off stride, nullifying his efforts to dance in and out with sharpshooting forays. Midway through the battle the tide seemed to turn as Dauthuille got going to whip in some jarring clean shots but this died out soon.

The supporting card was spotty. Armand Savoie, 132, scored his sixth successive knockout in disposing of one Pat O'Leary, 131½, of Denver, in the first round.

Eddie Zastre, Winnipeg lightheavy, 172½, scored in none too impressive fashion over the poorly conditioned Eddie Ross, 170, in a six-rounder. Rocky Brisebois, 146½, cut loose after a slow start to kayo Kid Violet, 150, of Van Buren, Maine, in the fourth. Marc Begin, 157, Quebec, outpunched Angelo Nardoni, 151½, in a sixer.

Manny Spivak, Rene Chauvin's promising bantam, 119, outwalloped Quebec's shifty Charlie Savard, 119½, in a fiery four-rounder and Frankie Hamilton, 135¾, a rangy lad, recovered from a first round pasting to score over Rene Trudeau, 130½, in another hardfought four-rounder.

Raoul Godbout's seven shows this year have grossed about $260,000 . . . . an average of $37,000 per show. . . . which exceeds what's being drawn in New York, Chicago, Detroit, etc. . . . Ray Arcel, who was here to handle Sonny Horne and Bernie Docusen in their appearances, says Montreal is the best fight town in North America now. . . . It might be the best sports town as record crowds have been drawn for hockey, football, baseball, tennis and other events. . . . "sellouts" is a common word for events at the Forum and the ballpark now. . . . Times have sure changed. . . . Toronto and Quebec are drawing well with fight cards. . . . Sorry my notes had to be kept down this month.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

In an effort to give the boxing public the most complete coverage possible on its review of 1949 and its yearly ratings THE RING Magazine regrets that due to lack of space the Managers Directory has been left out of this issue. It will be resumed with the March issue.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By Phil Goldstein

JACKIE KEOUGH, popular Cleveland welterweight, again proved that all he needs to become a great fighter is steady work when he impressively defeated Gene Darby at Chicago on Nov. 25. His next chance will be at Madison Square Garden under the guidance of Johnny Attell, his eastern representative. Attell was happy to book this promising youngster—a good break for Jackie.

Before a record indoor crowd of 14,292 which contributed a gross of $83,374 at the Cleveland Arena's annual Christmas Fund Show Rocky Graziano, 159½, outpointed Sonny Horne, 160, Niles, Ohio, in the feature of a quartet of tens.

Sandy Saddler turned in a victory over Cuba's Orlando Zulueta in a battle for the junior lightweight champion as sanctioned by the National Boxing Association. It was a split decision but there was little doubt that Sandy's body punching and aggressiveness had him in front. Saddler weighed 127½ and Zulueta 129½.

Eddie Marotta, 128, Cleveland, won a ten rounder over Lino Garcia, 128, Cuba, mainly on aggressiveness.

Chuck Hunter, 161½, Cleveland, was awarded a unanimous ten round verdict over Dick Wagner, 169, Portland, Ore.

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RING NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F. O'Brien

SENSATION of the New Zealand boxing world over recent weeks has been the 20-year-old gym-mate of world title contender Dave Sands, George Kapeen, a tall welter from Newcastle, Australia.

Possessing the wide shoulders, deep chest and tapering legs of the typical Aboriginal, Kapeen came to New Zealand unheralded but willing to give anything a go. His first opponent was promising welterweight contender Doug Godward, who met Kapeen at Auckland. It was considered to be boxer versus fighter, with Kapeen supplying the heavy artillery, and while, to a large extent, this was how it worked out, Kapeen surprised many with his ringcraft.

In round eight, with Godward gradually losing control of things, the Australian shot over a real sharpshooter's right hook, perhaps an unorthodox punch, but none the less effective. The local boy took no further interest in the proceedings.

Kapeen next accepted Percy Kelly, New Zealand lightweight champion, as his opponent. Kelly, at 135 pounds, was perhaps unwise in spotting ten pounds, but at 32 years of age and with fights in his own class scarce, he jumped at the contest.

Taller, younger and rangier, Kapeen stopped his man in the fifth round due to a severely gashed eye.

Third up for the triumphant visitor was veteran Clarrie Gordon, New Zealand welterweight champion, and a survivor of the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Gordon hadn't fought for five months—not since he'd done such a smart demolition job on Clem Sands, another Australian, whom he knocked out in ten rounds. He found that inactivity at his age, 32, doesn't improve either the timing or the balance, and he lost the decision.

Fijian Indian welterweight, Francis Joseph, showed a surprising dash of the "devil" which has been lacking in his previous New Zealand contests, when he put the skids under Phil Adam (Wanganui) in the first round on the Kapeen-Kelly card.

Prior to his uneven battle against George Kapeen, Percy Kelly, Dominion lightweight champion, defended his crown against tough, durable but short-on-class, Archie Cahill, of Christchurch. Kelly won with as perfect a right cross as has been seen in Christchurch for many years, in round eleven. Never a man to wrap his laurels up in cotton wool, the tow-headed Auckland Irishman then put his crown on the line against leading contender, youthful, vigorous Sid Stevens. Stevens, in his new home town, went one round longer before he, too, fell to Kelly's neatly placed punches. Stevens had the ageing champion down four times in round six, but couldn't keep him down.

A new middleweight threat has appeared on the Auckland scene, a tough fellow who may later invest a dead division with some of the life it so desperately needs. He is 26-year-old Phil Wallace, who, following a long career in the amateur ranks, began to make his sport pay by knocking out rangy but ineffective Don Murray in four rounds and outpointing lanky Peter Cochrane, both in Auckland.

Trevor Tonks, another new middleweight, from Ashburton, made his debut in the cash ranks at the same time as Wallace, but the result was the reverse—he was twice beaten, first by promising young Max Gardener and then by ex-Australian navalman, Frank Endicott. Tonks appears to have made his entry into the professional ring a trifle too early.

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REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

TIRSO DEL ROSARIO, featherweight champion of the Philippines, retained his crown against Dado Marino, Filipino-Hawaiian-born flyweight in their titular bout at the Coliseum under the auspices of the Evening News for the Anti-Tuberculosis benefit show under the promotion of Ted Lewin. Dado, weighing 119 against Tirso's 120, lost the heart-breaking decision when Dr. Antonio V. Reyes, official medical officer of the Boxing and Wrestling Commission, stopped the fight to save Dado from further punishment.

Dado copped the first and third rounds, and Tirso won the second, fourth and the fifth rounds. Sixteen thousand boxing fans jammed the Coliseum to more than its capacity. A return match is anxously awaited by the public.

Oscar Feliciano, 113, stopped Duke de Alvia, 117, in the fifth round. Alvia is a good boxer with a punch, but Oscar proved too strong for the Baguio fighter. Before the start of the sixth round, Joe Villanueva, chief second of Alvia, approached the referee and told him that his boy had enough. Thus Oscar won by K.O. in the fifth round.

Little Dundee, 115, former flyweight champion of the Philippines, won the nod over Kid Independence, 118, in ten rounds. Dundee won all the rounds over his bigger and heavier opponent, and toyed with his rival throughout the limit. Rene Cruz, 115, knocked out Little Campo, 113, former flyweight champ of Guam, in the fourth round. Roy, Jr., 113, knocked out Little Dundee, 115, in the sixth. Tony de la Cruz, 111, outpointed Rush Alfonso, 113, in four.

Fresh from his recent five-round knockout of Star Murillo, Peter Babia, now dubbed as "The Terror of Hibok Hibok," added another victim to his pugilistic prowess when he knocked out Battling Sima, veteran beak-buster and former Filipino lightweight champion of Singapore, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round main event at Reyes Stadium, Mambajao, Misamis Oriental. Babia weighed 136 to Sima's 135 pounds. From the opening gong Babia tore into Battling Sima with his hammering-like hooks and uppercuts that made the Singapore idol look like a human punching bag. Peter was at his best as a man-killer of the roped arena and once more demonstrated to 5,000 boxing fans his glaring qualities as a future champion. The expected end came in the first minute of the eighth stanza when Sima, groggy from the systematic punishment administered him by the rip-roaring Babia, clinched for dear life and signaled his handler to toss in the towel. Sima's face was a gory mess.

Dommy Reyes, 114, former flyweight champion of the Philippines, badly outpointed Little Ernesto, 118, leading contender for the bantamweight title of the Visayas in four rounds, heading promoter Ceferino Gonzales' card at Grace Park Club in his California style of four-rounders. Dommy was the master of the fight from the second to the last but could not down his tough Visayan fighter, who had been aggressive most of the time. At the end of the fourth round Ernesto's mouth was bleeding, but he won the applause of the crowd through his gameness. Hard-hitting Camilo Silva, 114, who substituted for Puyas Boy, lost the decision to Tannery Boy, 114, of Gagalangin in four. Tannery Boy crowded Silva most of the time and the strong boy from Tarlac could not land his haymaker. Young Benny, 120, of Cavite outboxed Andy Rodriguez, 122, in four. Dan Alvarado, 106, of Pampanga lost the referee's decision to Speed Parales, 104, of Bicol region in four. Young Misamis, 128, drew with Ben del Rio, 126, of Manila Hotel in four. More Dundee, 118, of San Nicolas drew with Star Dieto, 111, of Sampaloc in four. Referee Max Tarley was booed by the crowd for rendering a draw decision. In my opinion Dieto was the master of Dundee from the first to the fourth round, punching his opponent almost at will, but the referee saw otherwise. Dommy Pena, 107, drew with Baby Alfredo, 108, in four. Little Leyte, 109, fought on even terms with Smart Manoling, 102, in four.

Terrible Zamboanga, 130, of Zamboanga knocked out Little Dodo, 129, in the second round of their scheduled six-rounder. Little Reyes, 120, was knocked out by Star Guinsiliban in the fourth round. Strong Bagyong, 118, won the referee's decision over Young Benny, 119, of Bohol by knocking out the Bohol fighter in the third round. Strong Liberty won the nod over Star Bohol in four.

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BOXING IN PANAMA

By Arturo Le Conte

YOUNG FINNEGAN, 142½, the best in the light and welterweight class in Latin America, belted the daylights out of Santo Domingo's Kid Barquerito, 138, for the second time, in ten rounds.

In a six-chapter semi-final go Juan Diaz Second, 116, took the measure of Gollo Castanedas in the final heat by a KO. Alfonso Chase outwalloped Enrique Fernandez in four and Francisco Marshall, 112¾, belted out a four canto win over Jose Lorent, 113.

Tuzo Portuguese, rugged Costa Rican middleweight, rang down the curtains on his boxing career in Latin America by making a "goat" out of Panama's Tito Despaigne, 144, in ten rounds. Portuguese, 147½, won hands down.

Silvester Wallace, 125, up-and-coming local gladiator, dropped a heart-breaking six-chapter nod to veteran Gregorio Perez, 127½, Baby Valentine, 122¾, out-thumbed and out-boxed Alfonzo Perkinson, 118¼, in four heats. Baby Hunt, 143½, drew with Ernesto Reid, 144¼, in a "slugging-bee".

Stanley (The Rock) McKay, 124, starred for the third straight time during the past couple of months by clipping Tolentino Diaz, 124, in the sixth round of a sizzler. McKay also scored knockout wins over Fenghe Second and Baby Dixon.

Francisco Colon Garcia, 125, wearer of Panama's version of the featherweight crown, scored an exciting six-frame knockout over Panama's Kid Evans, 123. Tolentino Diaz, 124, one-time winner over Sammy Medina and Jack Renault, iced John Pino, 122, in four cantos.

Wilfredo Brewster, 134, beat Young Sampson, 135, Panama's lightweight champion, in ten rounds. Federico Plummer, local featherweight star, won in six rounds over Lupe Panchos.

Henry Davis, 125 pound ranking featherweight contender, won a split decision over Panama's Kid Zefine at the Arena de Colon. Zefine proved to be Davis' master all the way and the fans booed the verdict.

Kid Chocolate, Colon's featherweight champion, drew in ten rounds with Panama's featherweight ruler, Francisco Colon Garcia at the Arena de Colon. Chocolate scaled 124 against Garcia's 125.

Wilfredo Brewster, 129, drew in a ten-round "lemon affair" with Jose Colon Garcia, 127, Francisco's brother. Brewster's performance was very disappointing. The Stanley (The Rock) McKay-Federico Plummer affair, turned out to be the outstanding dish on the menu. Rocky rocked Federico to sleep in two heats. "The Rock" is hot.

Young Finnegan, 144½, took the measure of Cuba's Wilfredo Miro, 143¾, in six rounds. Finnegan battered Miro rentlessly before knocking him out.

Juan Diaz Second, 119½, made a perfect "chump" out of John Pino in winning a six rounder. Alfonso Perkinson, 123½, outpointed Baby Valentine, 119.

Federico Plummer, 125, won by a unanimous decision over Stanley Rocky McKay in ten rounds. A very large gathering saw Plummer climb off the lower deck in the opening frame to lick the 124-pound Rock. The bell came to Plummer's mercy in the opening round and from there on he proved to be the better fighter.

Rocky, who is similar to New York's Graziano socially as well as fistically, will draw a record crowd the next time he meets Plummer. Both lads are great despite their youth.

FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selesso Tiborro

BOXING here continued in a regular manner during the month of November. As usual, all the fights took place at El Coliseo Arena, with the following results:

Luis Castillo, 122, stopped Manuel Rivera, 123, in five. Salvador Molina, 127, was given the decision by a disqualification in the second round over Panchito Uribe, 126.

Eddie Navarrete, 119, stopped Carlos Tellez, 117, in six. Alfonso Ortiz, 131, outpointed Oscar Palacios, 125, in ten.

Nicolas Moran, 143, Mexico's welter champ, stopped Jose Garcia Alvarez, 143, from Spain, in two. Lalo Gallardo, 133, outpointed Rafael Hadad, 136, in ten.

Julio Cesar Jimenez, 134, outpointed Tony Mar, 132, in a twelve-round match for the national lightweight title, which was in Mar's hands. Julio became the new champ that night. Lalo Gallardo, 134, outpointed Tomas Vargas, 136, in ten.

Rafael Hadad, 135, outpointed Papelero Sanchez, 132, in ten. Raul Solis, 112, stopped Luis Gamboa, 112, in eight.

Memo Valero, 126, Mexican featherweight and bantamweight king, outpointed Cachorro Herrera, 123, in a twelve-round fight for the belt. Valero looked like a real champion. Pituka Perez, 126, outpointed Pedro Viesca, 126, in ten.

Lino Botello, 118, outpointed Luis Reyes, 122, in ten. Rodolfo Villarreal, 145, stopped Gabriel Barragan, 147, in two.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By Al Greenberg

BELTING BILLY PINKUS sent the fans home early when he scored a three-round K.O. over Morris O'Brien of Sudbury, Ont., at the Crescent Amateur Boxing Club show at the Winnipeg Auditorium. Franky White beat Danny Davis in five rounds.

Eddie Zastre now campaigning out of Montreal, dropped a decision to Billy Fifield in Toronto in eight rounds, then scored an easy six-round win over Eddy Ross in Montreal.

Whipper Billy Watson, the pride of Toronto wrestling, headlined two of Alex Turk's wrestling cards before sell-out crowds.

AUSTRALIAN RATINGS FOR 1949

By RICHARD S. BELLENGER

Heavyweight—Title claimed by Dave Sands. None worth rating.

Light-Heavyweights—Dave Sands (champion), Ross Pippett, Jack McNamee, Frank Farrington, Cliff Sone.

Middleweights—Dave Sands (champion), Len Dittmar, Fred Riddell, Carlo Prandolini, Ron Toohey.

Welterweights—Kev Delaney (champion), Mickey Tollis, Norm Gent, Harry Hayes, Bernie Hall.

Lightweights—Jack Hassen (champion), Alfie Clay, Ken Bailey, Charlie Ashenden, Roy Treasure.

Featherweights—(Title vacant), Frank Flannery, Bernie Grant, Dave Landers, Mickey McDonald, Jackie Ryan.

Bantamweights—Elley Bennett (champion), Keith Francis, Billy Herbert, Rod Parsons, Bernie Dunn, Johnny Gleeson.

Flyweights—Mickey Hill (champion), Jimmy Hogg, Taffy Hancock, Rod Cutter.

NEW ZEALAND RATINGS FOR 1949

By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

Heavyweight
Champion—Don Mullett, Wellington
Jack Boyd, Tommy Downes, Martin Weir*.

Light-heavyweight
Champion—Roy Stevens, Auckland
Barney Clarke, Russ Broughton, Darcy Hoffman, George Allen*, Colin Honey.

Middleweight
Champion—Roy Stevens, Auckland
Bos Murphy*, Basil (Billy) Coloulias*, Harry Hanson, Frank Endicott, Phil Wallace.

Welterweight
Champion—Clarrie Gordon, Otahuhu
Doug Godward, Francis Joseph, Laurie Rodger, Ian Dickinson, Ian Cruickshank.

Lightweight
Champion: Percy Kelly, Auckland
Syd Stevens, Jackie Jenkins*, Paddy Waddick, Sonny Black, Peter Graham.

Featherweight
Title vacant.
Lin Philp, Tot Hoggarth.

Bantamweight
Champion—Lin Philp
Tot Hoggarth.
*Fighting overseas.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

IT is with deep regret we hear of the passing of Mrs. Nat Fleischer, beloved wife of THE RING Magazine's Editor-Publisher. The work of Mrs. Fleischer for our servicemen during the war made her many friends, and this humble correspondent is among those who gained by Mrs. Fleischer's kind services. May dear God rest her soul in heavenly peace. Our most heartfelt sympathies to pal Nat and his close ones.

Bobby Dykes, 149½, Miami's and San Antonio's welterweight bid, evened the score with Frankie Abrams, 151½, of Detroit, in their ten-round return fracas at Miami's Dinner Key Auditorium on November 23. Abrams had taken the first event. Bout No. 2 did not bring in the fans and gate that Promoters Tommy DeTardo and Gus Mandel had figured, but the 3200 fans did okay to usher around $9000.

In the semi-final bout, Danny Stepanovich, 141½, San Antonio, had tough luck in his shindig with Pablo Rodriguez, 137¼, of Tampa. Way ahead of his opponent, Danny collided with one of Pablo's right-handers that opened a bad cut on his left eye and Referee Petit stopped the contest after 45 seconds of the eighth and last round. Another good offering found Steve Gideon, 148½, of Miami, winning a close but unanimous six-round nod over Jerry Fleming, 157, of Rochester, N. Y. A sixer went to Pete Noka, 130½, Detroit, at the expense of Snooks Howard, 134½, of Charlotte. Allie Ridgeway, Jr., 152, son of the well-known fight trainer, Allie, Sr., took the card opener from Ray Hawkins, 150, of Miami, by a technical kayo in the first round. Both made their pro debut.

In the first fight show of the season at Sarasota, Hal Meredith of Macon won the decision over Billy Kinard of Orlando, on November 14. This main event climaxed a good card. Both are middleweights. In the semi-final bout, W. H. (Billy) Bennett, Jacksonville, stopped Tommy Peavy, also of Jacksonville, in the second chapter. They are welters. Bill McClenithan, Sarasota, made his pro debut a winning one by knocking out Denny Piper, also of Sarasota, in two rounds. Lamar Tate and Johnny Johnson, both Jacksonville, engaged in a sweet sixer, with Tate winning the bantamweight brawl. Ray Davis won a four-rounder from Paul Branson.

Hal Meredith, Macon middleweight, scored a technical knockout over Paul Altman of Texas in the seventh round at Daytona Beach before a small gathering. Eddie Steele, Macon, and Jimmy Leach fought a draw in eight rounds. In another bout, Frank Leach drew with Narty O'Keefe. The bouts were held on November 24.

A pair of veteran boxers who had long since seen their best days, Eddie Steele of Macon and Paul Altman of Texas, hooked up in the main event at Sarasota and Altman was stopped in the sixth round. Jimmy Leach, Daytona, kayoed Walter Longino, Jacksonville, in five. Tommy Peavy, Jacksonville, decisioned Tiny Thompson of Jacksonville in six. Frank Leach, Daytona, beat Billy Mullis, Jacksonville, in six. Paul Branson, Sarasota, scored a three-round knockout over Vincent Ashley.

Staging one of the best fights of his professional career, Joe Lassiter, Charlotte 155-pounder, won a convincing ten-round decision over a game Corky Callahan, 152, of Greensboro, at Charlotte, November 24. Lassiter was in command all the way and scored a knockdown in the sixth. Dodo Wright, 149, Spartanburg, edged Doc DeNaux, 144, Charlotte, in a six-rounder. Fred Krueger, 174, kayoed Carl Gantt, 172, in the third round. Charlie Porter, 149, of Spartanburg, knocked out Bob Glover, 151, Greensboro, in the first heat. A six-rounder was won by Don Smith, 123, Charlotte, over Ray Perkins, 122, of Kannapolis.

Sonny Luciano, 140, undefeated welterweight protege of sportscaster Steve Ellis, again proved his mastery over Herbie Muller Quintero, 142, of Tampa, by grabbing a good, close scrap in the ten-round feature at Miami. Another tenner saw Toby Reid, 169½, of Jacksonville, score over Ralph Hughes, 174½, of Tampa. Pete Noka, Detroit, 132-pound lad, scored in his ten-rounder with Orlando Fernandez, 130¾. Charlie Cox, Miami, weighing 125¾, beat Bob Yantis, 123, of Charleston and Tampa. The entire show was excellent.

Art Tatta, 166, New Haven, defeated Tony Masciarelli, 160, New York, in ten rounds at Jacksonville. Johnny Mango, 141, scored a five-round T.K.O. over Andy Anderson, 135. Jack Graves, 146, beat Calvin Thomas, 139 (4); Tommy Thompson, 148, decisioned Tim Higginbotham, 152 (4); George Mroczkowski, 120, beat Billy Mullis, 124 (4), and Bill Baker, 148, stopped Dick Mullaly, 148 (4).

Tony Masciarelli, New York middleweight, evened the score with Art Tatta, 165, New Haven, in a ten-rounder at Jacksonville, November 29. Jimmy Leach, 145, beat Johnny Mango, 142, in six. W. H. (Billy) Bennett, 154, stopped Billy Edge, 156 (2). Jack Mullis, 148, defeated Mike Kelly, 144 (4). Tommy Thompson, 150, beat Tim Higginbotham, 154 (4). Frank Leach, 130, decisioned Bill Sellers, 136 (4).

Hitting low on several occasions caused Danny Stepanovich to lose out in his main event with Pablo Rodriguez of Tampa in Fort Lauderdale. As a result, Rodriguez won on a disqualification after Dr. S. H. Cohen advised Referee Pete George (Pietro Gorgi) to halt it since one of the punches to the groin had Pablo in pain. Rodriguez tipped 142. Jerry Fleming, 152, Rochester, beat Phil Saad, 151, Bridgeport, in the six-round semi. Art Saey, 208, technically kayoed Leonard Nelson, 186, both Miami boys, in the third when Referee George stopped it. Al Terry, 141, New Orleans, kayoed Henry Braud, 141, Miami, in the second.

Freddie Kruger, 162, Charleston Navy boy, took a ten-round thriller from paratrooper Leland Pillen, 159½, of Fort Bragg, in the headline event at Macon. In the semi-final, Al "Kid" McCoy, Macon, 146, took the eight-rounder from Al Selby, 143½, of Nashville. The verdict was a split one. Johnny Wilder, Macon, 162½, T.K.O.'ed Lonnie Treadway, 160, of Charlotte, in the third round. Ralph Pearson, 143, Macon, knocked out Bobby Heffner, 145, Charlotte, in the fifth round. Nat Colbert, 136, Macon, scored a two-round T.K.O. over Ernest Butts, 133, Macon. Dan Bolston, 191½, Milledgeville, drew with Cliff Williams, 189, Griffin, in a four-rounder.

Tony Masciarelli, New York City, decisioned Chico Pacheco, 152, Brazil, in ten. Johnny Mango, 141, drew in six with Jimmy Leach, 145. Mike Kelly, 145, beat Jack Mullis, 145 (4). Roy Willoughby, 142, stopped Tommy Peavy, 144 (2). Frank Leach, 130, decisioned Billy Sellers, 135 (4). Narty O'Keefe, 130, outpointed Billy Mullis, 125 (4).

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A close ten-round decision was taken by Hal Meredith of Macon over Phil Saad of Connecticut in Sarasota. The fight could have been called a draw, thought many fans. Herb Causey of Sarasota scored knockdowns over Bill McClenithan, same city, in the second and third rounds, then applied the finisher in the fourth. Jimmy Leach of Daytona Beach won unanimously over Sammy Mammone of West Palm Beach in six. Jimmy Jordan, Sarasota, T.K.O.'ed Harry Reed, Sarasota, in the second. Paul Branson took a four-round T.K.O. from Ray Davis. Both are Sarasota boys. Indian Garth Twohouse punched out a two-round T.K.O. over Johnny Johnson.

Chico Pacheco, Brazilian middleweight banger, checked Leland Pillen, Fort Bragg paratrooper, at West Palm Beach with a ten-round technical knockout. Billy Lima, 126, Miami, and Pete Noka, 128, Detroit, slammed away in a close tussle and Lima copped it. Irish George Henley, Jacksonville heavyweight, came home a three-round knockout winner over Harvey Miller, 192, of Terre Haute, Ind. Henley tipped 196. Honeyboy Williams, 140, Houston, T.K.O.'ed Ray Louis (or Lewis), 138, Miami, in the second, and Jim Morris, 140, Terre Haute, won in like fashion over Billy Dredge, 135, of Miami.

We failed to state in the January issue that in the Ross Virgo-Charley Salas fight in Miami, Virgo did excellent fighting throughout.

Hal Meredith scored in eight rounds over Eddie Steele at Daytona Beach on December 2. Narty O'Keefe and Frank Leach fought a six-round draw.

Sonny Luciano beat Herbie Muller Quintero in a ten-rounder at West Palm Beach on December 2. Luciano weighed 141½, hails from Newark, while Quintero, formerly of New Orleans, now of Tampa, tipped 142. In the semi-final, Pete Noka, 130, Detroit, won a popular nod over Orlando Fernandez, 131. Ralph Hughes, 179, Tampa, T.K.O.'ed Harvey Miller, 190, Terre Haute, in four. Roger Siclare, 128, Pittsburgh, defeated Stan Smith, 127, of New Haven, in four rounds. Larry Ray, 147, Detroit, drew in four with Jack Norris, Terre Haute, 145, four.

Vic Costa, New York middleweight, scored a seven-round technical knockout over Toby Reid, Jacksonville light-heavyweight, in Jacksonville. Hal Meredith, Macon, won over Joey Dunne, Jacksonville, in the semi. Narty O'Keefe and Andy Anderson drew in four. Jimmy O'Quinn stopped Jack Brazelle in one. Don Whitaker beat Calvin Thomas in four. Tommy Thompson kayoed Paschal Moats in three.

Herbie Muller Quintero, 139, Tampa welterweight scrapper, had easy pickings in Indian Jimmy Maddox, 133, former Oklahoman, and scored as he pleased over the game veteran in an eight-rounder at Ocala. The show-stealer came in the semi, as Orlando Fernandez, 131, and Young Chino Alvarez, 133, clashed in a lightweight affair. Fernandez took a close nod. Bob Yantis, 123, won a split verdict over Lamar Tate, 119, in a four-rounder, a good scrap. Yantis landed the harder blows to grab the duke. J. R. (Roy) Willoughby, Ocala, weighing 138, lost by a knockout to Billy Andrews, Tampa, 131. Bill Scholes, up and coming Tampa lightweight (135), scored a kayo over Ray Diaz, 135, Tampa, in the first. Andrews kayoed Willoughby in round two.

A crowd of 1200 saw Henry (Pappy) Gault, sparky little Spartanburg bantamweight, score easily over Julius (Jackie) Luke of Jacksonville in the ten-round main event at Columbia. Charlie Porter, Spartanburg welterweight, stopped Bobby Haeffner of Charlotte in the fifth round. In the six-round mill, Dodo Wright, 125, Spartanburg, won over Bobby Robinson, 125. Ray Lancaster, also of Spartanburg, won from Teo McFalls in six heats. The card opener found Larry Mills, Charlotte, kayoing Max Ballard of Spartanburg in three.

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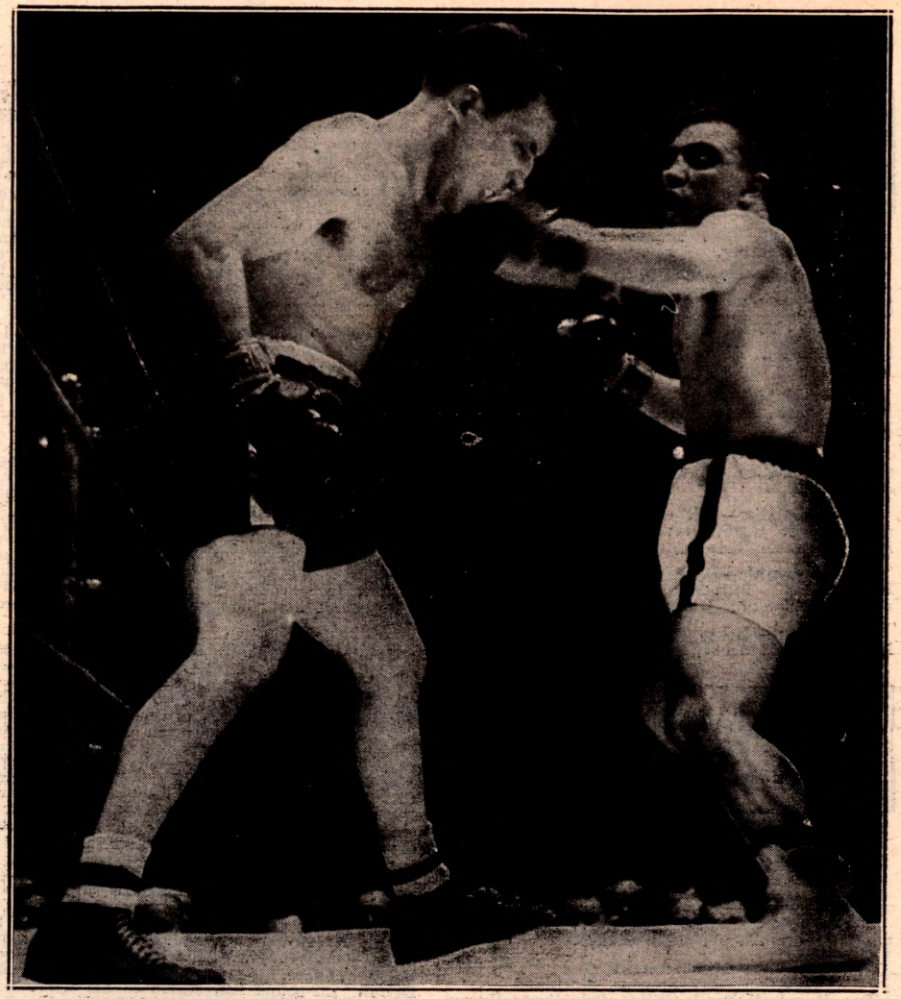
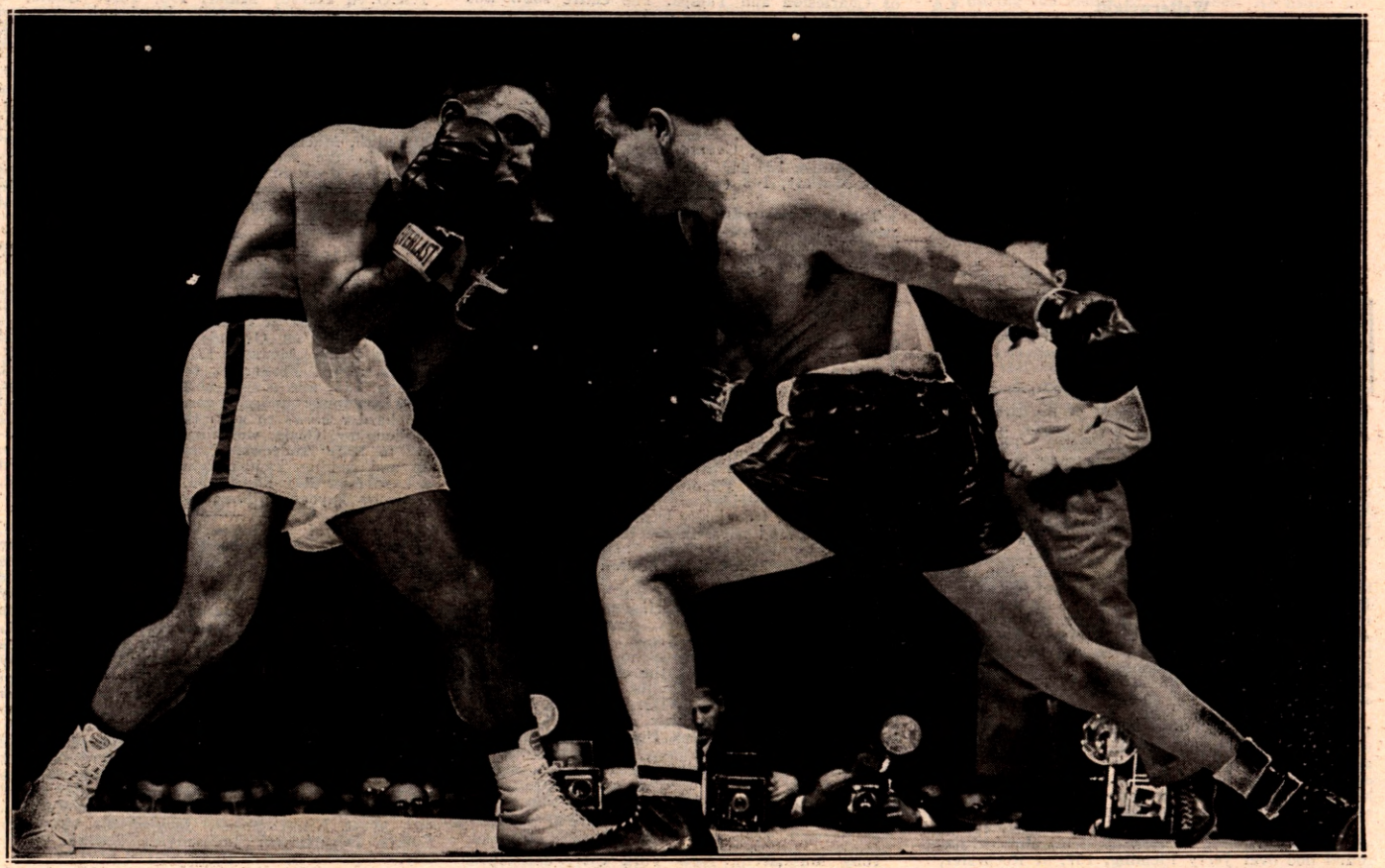


It was no "even swap" in this left-handed exchange between Jake LaMotta and Robert Villemain in Madison Square Garden. Jake's hook fell short of its mark, but the Frenchman's jab jolted against LaMotta's chin. LaMotta's wild swings had difficulty reaching Villemain, but the Frenchman's more accurate fists hit Jake so often that the champion was a well-battered and tired individual when the final bell rang at the close of the tenth round.



Instead of comporting himself like a world middleweight boxing champion, Jake LaMotta (right) seems to have mistaken himself for a discus thrower in this camera shot taken during his meeting with Robert Villemain in Madison Square Garden. By "telegraphing" his swing, LaMotta gave Villemain plenty of opportunity to throw up ample defenses in front of him. Fighting far below championship form, Jake was given a thorough drubbing by the squat, persistent Frenchman.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

OTTUMWA, IOWA—Clarence Luke, Ottumwa, Ia., boxing promoter staged his first fistic venture of the indoor season before a good crowd. In the slam-bang feature, Lucky Mundy, Ottumwa, 156 pounder, battled to a draw with Johnny Izzo, of Gary, Ind., also scaling in at 156 pounds. The bout over the eight round route produced plenty of two-fisted action. Louie Crumes, the Ottumwa, Ia., welterweight ace, landed a looping right hand to the chin of George Denny, of Hammond, Ind., knocking the latter out for the full count in the second round. In the other bouts, Jackie Green, Waterloo featherweight, lost to Sammy Smith, Ottumwa, by the TKO route in the fourth round. Donny Turner, Des Moines heavyweight, scored a three-round KO over Tony Rocky, of Worth, Ill. The bout was a bruising battle from the opening gong. Joe Corbett, Michigan City, Ind., heavyweight, outpunched Willie Simon, of Ottumwa, to gain a six round decision.

Mitchell, S. D.—A team of young boxers from Huron scored wins in five of 10 amateur bouts in a fast boxing card before more than 1200 fans.

Council Bluffs, Iowa—Moose Auditorium—Jimmy Watson, 162, Omaha, knocked out Joe Gaiten, 167, Omaha, at 1:03 of the first round. Watson floored Gaiten for the nine count. Then Watson sent Gaiten to the deck for the second time. Gaiten was trying to get back to his feet but was still on one knee at the count of ten.

Pat O'Grady, 142, Holdredge, Nebraska, knocked out Jimmy Triggs, 147, Omaha, at 1:40 of the third round. O'Grady floored Triggs twice in the second round, once for a count of 9 and then the count had reached 8 when the bell saved Triggs in the second round. In the third, Triggs was down for the count of 9 and then the knockout came at 1:40 of the third.

In a six-rounder, Blaine Young, 160, Council Bluffs, decisioned James Bovee, 162, Omaha, Nebraska. Young is a fine boxer and Bovee showed courage in staying the route. It was one of those boxer-slugger matches.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota—The first amateur boxing card of the season drew a large crowd as ten fast bouts passed through the Coliseum ring. Gordon Creech of Mitchell, 148-pound Golden Gloves champ who reached the national tournament at Chicago last year, stopped Marv Boyer of Huron in the first round. In the windup Jerry Meyers of Sioux Falls mauled Dale Creech, brother of Gordon, through three rounds and had him on the verge of unconsciousness most of the third.

Huron, South Dakota—Dale Creech of Mitchell, S. D., won a decision over Keith Durkin, of Pierre, S. D., in the feature attraction of an 11-bout amateur boxing card staged here. The bouts, the first of a series to be staged here this winter, drew a packed house.

Carthage, S. D.—Boxers from Huron, S. D., won four matches in a seven-bout amateur ring card staged here: DeSmet, South Dakota, boxers won two bouts, and Howard, S. D., won one bout.

Featherweight Dale Wessel of Huron scored the only technical knockout of the evening by stopping Mitchell's Claud Thompson in the second round, but there was plenty of leather tossing in the other three-round mixes.

Joe Stahl of Huron won the feature heavyweight scrap by decisioning John L. Clites of Howard.

Des Moines, Ia.—Dave Nemo, has opened the amateur boxing season here bringing out several prospects. In one of the first cards of the season, Cliff Reid, 126, won over Danny Walsh; Wayne Chapman, 140, scored a T.K.O. over Al Lewis, 150, in the second round; Eddie Hageman, 148, won over Roger Fisher, 145; Tommy Thompson, 155, won over Phil Brown, 158; Burton Bailey, 152, won over Eddie Whitehouse, 148; Nemo is director of the Jewish center in Des Moines.

Council Bluffs, Iowa—Orville Bitney, Omaha, middleweight, stopped Len Craig, also of Omaha, in 1:44 of the seventh round. A short left hook halted Craig. In the other bouts; Young Avtroy, 132, Omaha, beat Frank Craig, 134, Omaha, in four; Dave Bryson, 136, Omaha, stopped Rod Kelly, New York, in the second round; Pat O'Grady, 148, Holdrege, Nebr., won over Jimmy Grimes, Omaha, 148, in four rounds; Jimmy Triggs, 124, Omaha, won over Bobby Battles, 130, Omaha, in four.

Council Bluffs, Iowa—In an attempt to revive boxing in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Council Bluffs Moose staged a card in the Auditorium. Matchmaker, Champ Thomas presented Joey Gaiten, 169, Omaha, and Wiley Ferguson, 175, Kearney, Nebraska, in the main event which was an action-packed, free-slugging affair which had the fans on edge throughout. It was an eight-rounder which ended in a draw.

In the semi-windup, Orville Bitney, 159, Omaha, knocked out Little Joe Louis, 158½, Denver, in the third round. It was the second trip to the canvas for the Denverite before he was counted out. The blond battler from Omaha is making his comeback after being inactive in 1948 due to stomach ulcers.

In the six-round special event Blaine Young, 157, Council Bluffs, and Jim Bovee, 160, Omaha, fought to a draw.

The preliminaries were laden with power as Freddie Martin, 147, Council Bluffs, knocked out John Jenkins, 146, Omaha, in the second heat of a scheduled four-rounder.

Pat O'Grady, 147½, Holdrege, Nebraska, knocked out Chuck Ray, 150, Omaha, in the third round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Lucky Mundy, the two-fisted battler from Ottumwa, Ia., is under the personal management of Dr. Fred Pedigo. Mundy scales around 156 pounds and many fans think the Ottumwa youngster will reach the high spots.

Last Minute Sparks—The 16th annual Sioux City Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Tourney will be held in February. . . . The event will be staged in the large Catholic Gym on February 7, 8, 9, and 10. . . . Willis F. Forbes is again director. . . . Murray McLean, matchmaker for the St. Paul Athletic Exhibitions, Inc., is seeking boxing talent for his shows in St. Paul, Minn. . . . The fighting Outhouse twins booking out of South Sioux City, Nebr., scored wins at Omaha, Nebr., Gale, scaling 137, scored his second straight win since turning pro recently when he beat Sidney Caples, of Kansas City; Gayus scored a kayo over Al Flores on the same card. . . . South Dakota is in the full swing of the amateur boxing season.

Arlington, S. D., with the American Legion doing the promoting, has plans for several cards. . . . Several well-known male wrestlers are showing their wares around Des Moines, Ia., this season. . . . Included in the last are such toughies as Mike Sharp, Canadian heavyweight; Cowboy Roy Graham; Louie Thesz; Chief Don Eagle; Johnny Swanski of Boston; Jimmy Goffield, and many others. Happy New Year, and again many thanks to the fine bunch of fellows who keep me posted on news, when it is news.

Remember to have your news for this spot in our hands by the fifth of each month. Mail same to Bill Hawkins, 2206 North Lafayette, St., Sioux City, Iowa. If you phone your news in—Call 8-6849. Boxers and managers, wrestlers and lady wrestlers are urged to list their mailing address with this department.

Sorry my results had to be cut out this issue due to lack of space. Will do better next time.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Larry Martin

RALPH ZANNELLI and Rocky Marciano again grabbed the headlines in Rhode Island with Zannelli defending his middleweight title and Rocky adding to his victories in the heavyweight division.

At Rhode Island Auditorium in Providence, Zannelli defended his New England middleweight title against Norman Horton, also of Providence, for the third time. Zannelli came out the winner in a hard, close bout. Ralphie took the twelve round decision on a split ticket as he punched the harder and had a slight edge in the battle. This marked the fourth meeting of the pair. Marciano, the Brockton Bombshell, exploded his fists against Joe Domenic, of Holyoke, and stopped Joe with a powerful overhand right hand that smashed Domenic to the canvas with the thrust of a thunderbolt in 2:26 of the second round. Domenic was the strongest fighter to face Rocky to date. The Holyoke heavyweight had floored Roland LaStarza twice, had lost a split unpopular decision to Bernie Reynolds, beat Tami Mauriello, boxed an exhibition with Joe Louis and figured as a tough opponent for Marciano who was floored in the first but lasted the round. Early in the second round the two stood toe-to-toe and slugged it out. A smashing right and left combination floored Domenic early in the second frame and then came the overhand right that put the deep freeze on Joe Domenic.

Featherweight George Araujo met his hardest test at the Rhode Island Auditorium as he took on Eddie Posey, of New York, who was undefeated in Providence. Posey set a fast pace as he went into an early lead. George was bothered by a bad head cold and seemed headed for defeat as Posey piled up a strong lead in the early rounds. The fans were seeing a tremendous battle with Posey winning by dint of hard hooking and adroit boxing skill. What seemed certain defeat was turned into a kayo victory by a storming offensive by Araujo in the closing rounds. He kayoed his rival in the eighth round.

Winding up the month, Promoter Manny Almeida, of the Downtown A.C., staged a four ten-round show at the Auditorium with plenty of action and thrills. Headlining the card was a ten rounder between Norman Horton and Curtis Moore, of Newark, New Jersey. Horton had lost to Ralph Zannelli the week before and was the underdog in this fight.

From the third stanza on Horton fought with a vengeance even bringing a bolo punch into play. He had too many broadsides for Moore who put up a good and game fight, but Horton was the better man that night.

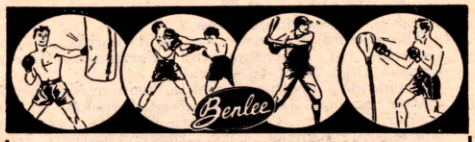
Dynamite Joe Rindone, of Boston, on the comeback trail, fought a blistering ten with Mel Brown, of Troy, New York. Rindone won the bout, but only after he was cut three times and was bleeding at the end of the fight from the trio of cuts. Brown was unmarked in a bout which saw Rindone fire his heaviest artillery and land with it.

Steve Marcello, Providence lightweight, returned to the ring after a nine months' layoff and decisioned Tony Riccio, of Boston, in the third ten-rounder.

Charlie Thompson, nephew of former world welterweight champion, Jack Thompson, rounded out the card with Red Perkins, of Lynn, Mass., as his opponent. Thompson kayoed Perkins in the first round.

ALONG THE RIALTO: Manager Nick Landi is in Rhode Island hospital after an operation on his ear. . . . Artie Smith, local lightweight, joined the Army where he will be assigned special duty involving boxing shows. . . . Joey Angelo, two time victor over New England Lightweight Champion Jackie Weber, is on the comeback. . . . Rocky Marciano appeared in a show for the Rhode Island Veterans Club, coming in from New York for the appearance. . . . Manny Almeida, the Tex Rickard of New England, is building a special office in his Ringside Tap for Assistant Matchmaker "Sully" Mandel. . . . Partners Bobby Viti and Frankie Travis with the hottest prospect in the area in featherweight George Araujo, only eighteen years old and winner of eighteen out of nineteen fights. Seventeen of the wins are kayoes. . . . Kid Frataglia, an Italian welterweight under the wing of Rocky Marciano, is doing well here. He won four out of five fights in this country. . . . Anyone wishing to sell boxing movies, 16mm sound or silent at reasonable prices, please contact the writer. . . . Good fights and high interest in boxing in this neck of the woods is the answer to Promoter Almeida's success.

That's all for this month. Sorry my news had to be cut short for this issue. Address me care of the Journal Diner on Fountain St., Providence.



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KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By Max Yeargain

BOXING activities have been rushing in the middle west with several big-time attractions bringing this vicinity into the fight spotlight nationally.

At Wichita, Kansas, Joey Maxim, America's light-heavyweight champion, was awarded a T.K.O. in two minutes of the fourth round over Kansas' light-heavyweight champion, Pat McCafferty, in a wild fray that will have boxing fans babbling for many months to come.

Four rousing preliminaries which prompted Maxim's famous manager, Jack Kearns, to call: "The best I have ever seen in all my years in the boxing game," preceded the main event. In one six-rounder, Bobby Spaeth, 19-year-old Topeka heavyweight, and Raymond Young, Kansas City, staged the nearest thing to a back alley brawl seen in the Forum ring in some time. Both fighters whaled away with reckless abandon with Spaeth, Washburn College student, gaining the decision, a unanimous one.

The second six saw two lightweights, Nelson Levering of Wichita, and Fernando Rivera, Kansas City, fight to a draw.

Fernando's brother Frankie, won a four-round match against Joe Romano of Topeka. In the opener, Elmer Carson of Wichita and Al Nicholson, Kansas City, threw leather from every angle with Carson copping the decision.

In another big-time event, Anton Raadik, the Estonian middleweight champion, was defeated by Wichita's champion, Alvin Williams.

Bobby Spaeth, Topeka heavyweight, notched another pro victory when he outfought Charlie Polk, Chicago heavyweight, in their six-round semi-windup. Nelson Levering, Wichita lightweight, T.K.O.'ed Roy Cox, St. Louis, in the fifth.

Aberdeen Lynch, St. Louis, copped a split decision from popular Fernando Rivera, Kansas City, in a four. In the opener Gene Dale, St. Louis, won every round in taking a decision from Joe Romano of Topeka.

Former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis won a ten-round decision over Johnny Flynn of Rochester, N. Y., in their exhibition heading the first card of the season at Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.

In preliminaries, Topeka's Bill Sudduth copped a five-round decision over Kansas City's Virgil Turner. Fernando Rivera decisioned James Elam of Kansas City, in five. Frankie Rivera, Kansas City, decisioned Bud Love, Kansas City. Kansas City's middleweight, Raymond Young, knocked out Harold Boyd, St. Louis, in four.

At Wichita, Pat McCafferty, Kansas lightheavyweight champion, punched out a ten-round decision over Jimmy Sheets of Gary, Ind.

In the second ten-rounder, Wichita's Alvin Williams worked hard for a decision over Ray Augustas, of Topeka.

Nelson Levering, Wichita, won a close decision over Floyd Perry of Kansas City. They are lightweights. Fernando Rivera, Kansas City, slugging out a clear-cut decision, defeated Charles Shifty Gardner of Fort Riley. Bobby Spaeth, Topeka heavyweight, won easily over William Smith of Kansas City.

Pat McCafferty knocked out Leonard Finger of Detroit in 2:17 of the first at Topeka's Municipal Auditorium.

In the fight of the evening Chief Alvin Williams, sensational Wichita middleweight, decisioned Penny Brown of St. Louis, heretofore undefeated.

Fernando Rivera, three times National Golden Gloves champ, scored a knockout over Dale Lomberger of St. Louis, in 1:47 of the third. They weighed 131.

Bobby Spaeth won a four-round decision over Leonard Brown of Sioux City, Ia. It was the bull-built heavyweight's second win. Joe Romano, Topeka 125-pounder, knocked out Jim O'Brien of Chicago in the second.

Pat McCafferty lost a unanimous ten-rounder and took a fistic lesson from Sylvester Perkins of Chicago when the pair tangled at Wichita Forum.

Bill Sudduth, Kansas' top welterweight, rallied late in the bout to cop the six-round semi-windup from Clifton Williams of Chicago. Buddy Paul, Omaha, Neb., was disqualified in the first round of his fight with Joe Kelly, Oakland, California. Fernando Rivera, Kansas City, 134, decisioned Frank Craig of Omaha in four. In the opener, Bobby Spaeth of Topeka scored the only knockout of the evening over heavyweight Leonard Brown of Sioux City.

Wichita's promising middleweight contender, after being on the verge of dropping a decision to tough Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, in their main event at the Wichita Forum, uncorked a vicious right to the solar plexus region that bent his opponent like a match stick and sent him crashing to the canvas late in the seventh round. The bell saved Miller from a knockout at that point, but it took almost all of the rest period to revive him and he was strictly a sitting duck target for the Indian in the eighth. Williams made short work of it in the final stanza, ripping blows both to the head and body. Miller was helpless and Referee Gus Spartan stepped in to halt the slaughter after 30 seconds.

Bill Sudduth, Topeka welter weight, gave K. C.'s Sidney Caples a boxing lesson in their six-round semi-final. Fernando Rivera, K. C., and Bud Love, also of Kansas City, had a rousing six-rounder, with Rivera getting a split decision. Bobby Spaeth, Topeka heavyweight, outslugged Jimmy Williams of Kansas City in four. Earl Fisher, Kansas City, and Elmer Carson of Wichita drew in a four-round middleweight scrap.

At Topeka, Watson Jones, former California light-heavyweight champion, was knocked out in 2:49 of the second round by Pat McCafferty.

In the semi-final, Bill Sudduth knocked out Omahan Joe Fegan in 2:42 of the second. Fernando Rivera, Kansas City 135-pounder, knocked out Howard Stevens of Omaha in 2:07 of the second. Bob Spaeth, Topeka heavyweight, kayoed O. C. Kidd of Wichita in the third. Joe Romano finished Joe St. John of Wichita in 1:25 of the first round.

With fights running regularly at Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City, the fighters are kept busy and happy. Managers and fighters wanting work in this vicinity may contact Max Yeargain, 704 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas. Phone 3-6674.

FROM JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

By Sol C. Maloon

AT Johannesburg, Vic Toweel, 117½, holder of the South African bantam and featherweight titles, added the British Empire bantam title to his list when he decisively outpointed Stan Rowan of England, 118, over 15 rounds in a White City Sporting Club promotion.

Not the least exciting feature of the match was the weighing-in ceremony. Rowan, it was believed, would find difficulty in making the bantam limit and just how difficult he found it was reflected in the scale-reading of 118—the limit.

The fight opened on a quiet note, both men feeling their way and an interesting, if not exciting, round ended all square. This was the only round where Rowan shared the honors for the next 14 went to Toweel in no uncertain manner. His shift from the orthodox to southpaw stance puzzled the English boy and his tearaway fighting on seeing an opening, with punches coming from all angles, did not give the Englishman a chance to use his much vaunted hooks. Toweel attacked all the time, piling up points with his beautiful timing and attractive footwork and simply didn't give Rowan an opportunity to get set.

Before the decision was announced, Harry Crombie, Rowan's manager, raised Vic's hand in a token of victory and the actual announcement was simply a formality. Toweel's star is shining brightly and he has, in ten or eleven professional fights, become the biggest drawing card in this country.

Pat Patrick, 152½, holder of the South African welterweight title, T.K.O.'ed the hardy Tony Liversage, 153½, in the fourth of a scheduled six. . . . Danie Jacobs, 143, outpointed Ray Searle, 145, in four fast rounds. . . . G. Nel, 126, outpointed Terrence McCarthy, 131, in a willing four-rounder. . . . Willie Browne, 145½, scored a T.K.O. win over Frank Kelly, 134½, in the first of a proposed four.

DENVER AND VICINITY

By W. G. (Bill) Thomas, Jr.

AT Denver, Sugar Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, toyed with Don Lee, Edison, Nebr., in their ten-round exhibition at Denver's City Auditorium. Ray demonstrated his fancy fisticuffs before more than 4,000 fans who paid over $14,000 to see the champ in action.

In a bantamweight scrap Jessie Mongia outfought Red Martinez to cop the six-round decision.

Little Joe Louis, 157, Denver, outpointed Wayne Strowbridge, 164, Colorado Springs, in the six-round Special Event. Manuel Maldonado, 124, Walsenburg, kayoed Rosario Delgado, 129, Fort Warren, Wyoming, in two. Ted Smith, 115, Denver, T.K.O.'ed Garfield Cisneros, 112, Denver, in the fourth of a scheduled four-rounder. Johnny Fisher, 131, Denver, won over Stanley Oberst, 135, Lowry Air Base, and Jimmy McDondle, 145, Denver, nodded Tony Aguilar, 141, in fours.

At St. Paul, Denver's popular Corky Gonzales won an easy ten-round decision over Harold Dade. Dade was a substitute opponent when Miguel Acevedo notified the promoter that he wouldn't appear. Jess Mongia, Denver featherweight and stablemate of Gonzales, won a sensational six-round victory over Roy Higa of Honolulu.

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CHARLES NAMED FIGHTER OF YEAR

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March 25 saw him take a ten-round decision from Bobby Lee in Chicago. On April 11 he decisioned Don Lee in Omaha and nine days later he stopped Earl Turner in eight in Oakland.

June 7 saw him kayo Freddie Flores in three in New Bedford and thirteen days later halt Cecil Hudson in five in Providence.

Following his bouts with Gavilan and Belloise, he knocked out Benny Evans in five rounds in Omaha and three days later halted Charley Dotson in three rounds in Houston.

He defeated Don Lee again, this time in Denver on November 9, and on November 13 he iced Vern Lester in five in New Orleans.

It was 64 fights ago, on February 5, 1943, that Robinson lost the only battle of his career, to Jake LaMotta in Detroit. He has more than avenged that loss and on ability alone could be rated in anyone's book as the fighter of any year.

Too bad he failed to take Brimm, an ordinary battler, into camp to mar a great year of fighting.

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

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among world boxing promoters.

The International Boxing Club, with Big Jim Norris at its head, moved into the Garden, and took hold of the American situation. It is hoped that 1950 will find this organization fulfilling its apparent destinies in this difficult sports of ours.

1949 saw a tragedy of world boxing importance—the death of Marcel Cerdan.

SPONGE ENDS BLOODY BATTLE

WHENEVER old-time fight fans gather and discuss the big battles they have seen, the fellow who witnessed the 75-round championship clash between John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain back in 1889 tells a story that impels everybody else to go way back and sit down.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By George Ross

BUDDY HAYES, of Boston, lost a close decision to Jean Richard, of Montreal, in ten rounds at the Valley Arena, Holyoke. Midget LaBlanc, of Montreal, won over Ray Dulmaine, of Worcester, in six. LaBlanc is a featherweight and Dulmaine a lightweight. Billy Paul, of Boston, won over Lewis Cote, of Montreal, in a six rounder. Harold Allie, of Boston, won a split decision over Marc Begin, of Montreal, in six rounds. Al Lariviere, of Holyoke, knocked out Joey Hood, of Albany, in the first of a five rounder. Both were welterweights.

Jimmy Warren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., won a ten round bout over Massino Sanna, of Italy. Tommy Greb, of Boston, and Johnny Carr, of Brooklyn, fought a six round draw. Bobby McGuire, of Albany, stopped Charlie Hilton, of Philadelphia, Pa., in the first of a six (middleweights). Danny Rogers, of Springfield, won a decision over Johnny Madison, of Worcester, in a five rounder. Bobby Brooks, of Worcester, won over Roger Lessard, of Manchester, N. H., in five.

Harry LaSane, of Houston, Texas, won a close decision over Dave Shade, of Boston, in ten rounds at the Valley Arena. Terry Wilson, of Albany, scored a knockout in the third over Jack Armstrong, of Manchester, Conn. (lightweights).

Billy Gordon, of Fall River, won a unanimous decision over Bobby McGuire, of Albany, in six rounds. Danny Rogers, of Springfield, knocked out Joey Hood, of Albany, in the second round. Joe Wright, of Fall River, won a hard fight from Ted Vedders, of Albany, in five rounds.

The bell tolled ten for Walter McCormick, manager and trainer, who passed away.

Jimmy Warren, of Brooklyn, won a ten round bout from Jimmy Collins, of Philadelphia, in ten rounds.

Georgie Benton, of Philadelphia, won a six rounder over Harold Allie, of Boston. Al Lariviere, of Holyoke, knocked out Johnny Madison, of Worcester, in the first round (welterweights).

Joey Mannenato, of Brooklyn, won a six round bout from Bobby Brooks, of Worcester. Jimmy Lamprey, of Worcester, was the victor over Vic Young, of Augusta, Maine, in five.

Roy Andrews, of Boston, won a ten round decision over Beppe Colasanti, of Rome, Italy. Al Lariviere, of Holyoke, scored his sixth straight knockout by stopping Ted Vedders, of Albany, in the third round (welterweights). Johnny Woods, of Boston, won a six rounder over Johnny Parker, of Springfield. In another six rounder, Vic Young, of Augusta, Me., reversed a previous defeat over Jimmy Lamprey, of Worcester. John Campinah, of Brooklyn, won a split decision over Roger Lessard, of Manchester, N. H., in five rounds.

North Adams, Mass.—Sipio Lofton, Newark, N. J., won an eight rounder from Mel Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., at the Armory. A small crowd witnessed the action-filled fights. Joey Parlow, Newark, won a six rounder from Young Junior, of Springfield (featherweights). Richard Canady, of New York, won over Tommy Mack, of Springfield, in six. Billy Paul, of Boston, won a six rounder over Honeypie Jackson, of Springfield.

CANADIAN MARITIMES AND TORONTO
By W. C. Steele

YVON DURELLE scored his 28th consecutive victory with a unanimous ten-round decision over Bob Stecher, the Maine middleweight, who suffered his first defeat.

Arnold Fleiger, the Maritimes' most active middleweight, outpointed rugged Alvin Upshaw of Halifax in a ten-rounder.

Dave Cassidy, 175, outpointed Clarence McKenna of Moncton in four rounds.

Welterweights Hiram Harris and Leo Comeau fought a draw. The scene was the Chatham Arena.

St. Stephen—Jake McDonald disposed of Tommy Lawless of Woodland, Me., in a round in a benefit for Kid McMorran. Art Steeves outpointed Wild Bill Ramsey and Kid Walsh decisioned Baby Poole of Calais, Me. Harry Poulton, 145, of Charlottetown, outspeeded and outpointed the heavier and rugged Pat Davis, 158, of Halifax, in the main go.

Yarmouth—Ace McCluskey, a middleweight, avenged a previous defeat by punching out Ozzie Farrel, the Halifax deaf mute, in two minutes of the opening round.

In a slambang battle, Albert "Baldy" Clamp, 180, belted out Gerald "Rocky" Brothers in the third at Kentville Arena.

Ronnie McKinnon stopped Jack Galley in round two. Featherweights. Floyd Lightfoot outpointed Ronnie Taylor. Bobby Pethic drew with Sonny Taylor. Yvon Durelle, Chatham middleweight, stopped Eddie Hamilton, Montreal, in three rounds.

Arnold Fleiger starched the veteran Ralph Walton, 158, inside of two rounds. Ernie, another member of the Durelle family, belted out Gonzage Daigle in 27 seconds of the opening round. Tooty Moore outpointed Hiram Harrison, welterweights.

Dave Pearl outpointed Young Francis. Eddie Cormier decisioned Ronnie McKinnon, and Floyd Lightfoot outpointed Ronnie Taylor, at the Kentville Arena.

Edmundston, N. B.—Arnold Fleiger, Chatham middleweight, socked out Kid Barney of Bangor, Me., in the fourth.

Yvon Durelle and Arnold Fleiger, New Brunswick middleweights, transferred their headquarters to Halifax and are working out at the Gerrish Street Gym.

A Correction—Dick Turpin stopped George Ross, not Vince Turpin as previously stated.

Don Mogard of Toronto lost to Olle Bengtsson and should he obtain sufficient action may develop into one of Sweden's best. Rudy Pasco, Toronto featherweight, continues to be active in U.S.A. rings. He stopped Wilfred Dancosse of Manchester, Conn., at White Plains, N. Y.

Alan McFater, joining the punch for pay ranks, absorbed the Sunday shots of Juan Manuel in the early rounds, then took over. Billy Fifield defeated big Ed Zastre. The son of George Fifield, former Canadian welterweight champion, looms as a serious threat for the Canadian middleweight crown.

Pete Calderone's heavyweight, James J. Parker, with 16 successive knockouts, erased the question of "Can he take it?" by coming off the canvas with a broken nose to punch out his tormentor, Lyle Staff, the St. Catherine's heavyweight, in the fourth round.

IN INDIANA RINGS
By Anthony Coppi

ARCHIE HINDMAN, a member of the state athletic commission, and resident of Haggerstown, Ind., was elected first vice-president of the NBA at their recent convention in Havana. Hindman is also regional co-ordinator for the states of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky for the NBA.

Promoter Paul Anthony presented a boxing show in South Bend, featuring Ralph Schneider, Chicago heavyweight, and George Brown of E. Chicago, Ind. Schneider, weighing 223 pounds, won a ten-round decision over Brown, weight 199.

Lance Harris, 162, South Bend, won over Dave Green, 158, Chicago, in eight. William Carter, 144, Chicago, won in six from Bob Dudley, 140, Chicago, and Roger Griffin, Windy City heavyweight, T.K.O.'ed Vito Simone, 208, also Chicago, in the fourth.

Bunny Berrigan, 125, Milwaukee, won a close decision from Pat Iacobucci, 127, Cincinnati, in a ten-round main go held in the Indianapolis Armory by Good Sports, Inc.

The semi-windup found Gene Parker, Indianapolis, lightweight, winning over Hyman Williams, 140, Milwaukee, in eight rounds.

Joe Arthur, 157, Indianapolis, won his 15th straight bout when he outpointed Willie Pearson, 156, Cincinnati, in six.

Lance Harris, 167, South Bend, won over Harry Dunn, 158, Indianapolis, in six, and Andy Anderson, 153, Indianapolis, won over Dan Pinto, 151, in four.

Two eight-round bouts to determine a light-heavyweight champion for Indiana, topped a card staged by the Indianapolis Boxing Center in the Indianapolis Armory. Indiana's top light-heavy, Bill Davis, was not entered because of infected tonsils.

Results: John Oliver, 175, New Albany, won a close decision from Lee (Cat) Carter, 175, Indianapolis, in a wild swinging melee.

Paul Terry, 162, Indianapolis, knocked out Eddie Williams, 172, Indianapolis, in the eighth round of their scheduled eight.

Added bouts found Bob O'Bannon, 187, Louisville, and Big Jim Watkins, 210, Indianapolis, fighting to a draw in eight rounds and Joe Arthur, 157, Indianapolis, was hard pressed to win his 16th straight bout by beating Elzea Stevens, 160, Terre Haute, in six.

Good Sports, Inc., presented Gene Parker, Indianapolis lightweight, and Ronnie Harper of Detroit in which Parker won the ten-round decision.

Johnny Iozzo, Gary, 163, eked out a close eight-round decision over Paul Terry, Indianapolis, 165, in the semi-windup.

Doug Medley, Louisville welterweight, won by decision from Diego Hildago, 142, Indianapolis, in six.

Richard Armstrong, 124, Dayton, won from Spider Armstrong, 120, Louisville, in another six, and Russ McKinney, 127, knocked out Eddie Lane, 132, Anderson, in the first of four.

Mack Parshay, Detroit heavyweight, scored an impressive win before Indianapolis fans when he won a ten-round bout against Indiana's heavyweight champ, Elza Thompson, in Indianapolis' Armory. Parshay weighed 190 pounds to Thompson's 234.

In the semi-final of the show, which was presented by Forrest McKinney's Indianapolis Boxing Center, Allen Small, Elwood, 171, decisioned Virgil Strauss, 172, Valparaiso, in eight.

John Oliver, 186, New Albany, won over Bob O'Bannon, 187, Jeffersonville, in eight, and Fred Taskey, 151, Kokomo, won from Dick Stevens, 148, Indianapolis, in five.

IN TUCSON, ARIZONA
By Jim Bonnell

THE second card put on by Tommy Mulgrew, well-known promoter, whose Cleveland cards were always big draws, was a big success, according to press reports received here, with a five-bout program, topped by Buddy Baggett, the Dallas Toy Bulldog, and Jesse Fonseca, prominent battler from El Paso.

In the final, Baggett decisioned Fonseca in a close decision for his 60th pro win in 65 fights. In the semi-final, Joe Valle of Tucson, at 162, got the nod over Johnny Coronel, 155, in a slambang battle that left all fancy-Dan footwork in the gym, and saw both boys pouring leather from bell to bell. Coronel was a last-minute substitute, but far from a disappointing one, for Joe Martinez, El Paso, who came up with a sore shoulder.

Andy Borrego, 125-pounder from Davis Monthan Field, scored a six-round draw verdict with Hector Rios (Kid Juarez) of Juarez, in the main prelim, and Sal Chavez, 138, of Mexico, poured on neat left jabs and hooks to take the verdict in a four-rounder over Frank Guzman, Chihuahua, also 138. In the opener, Roto Soto, popular fighting clown of the Southwest area, took everything tossed his way by Baby Azteca (both 124) and came up with a draw.

Tucson, which could be the home of good boxing, is all excited about the efforts of Mulgrew to give the Old Pueblo decent shows, at popular prices, and to bring in the best names in the game. In the recent shows before Mulgrew took over, boxing in Tucson hadn't been all that it might.

Tommy can be reached in the Old Pueblo at 2110 East Copper, Tucson, Arizona.

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NEW YORK BROADCAST

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four, and Johnny Orgen, 196, who stopped Lonnie Griffin, 187, West Side, in the third.

The top affairs—LaStarza vs. Brion, and Marciano vs. Richards—may have been disappointing to the clientele, but there were few complaints to register against the supporting heavyweight numbers on Madison Square Garden's first fight card in three weeks. In a hard-fought six, Clarence Wilkinson, 164½, finished strong to edge out a Bronx rival, Al Winn, 165½. Jimmy Carollo, 212¾, Corona, outfumbled Alberto Marchioni, 195, Argentina, in a clumsy but punishing six. A knockdown in the last round swung the verdict to Art Henri, 181½, Jamaica, over Herbie Morris, 177, Cleveland, in a lively four. Curt Kennedy, 193½, Wichita, Kansas, gave Tommy Giorgio, 188½, Schenectady, such a rough going-over that the up-stater wasn't permitted to come out for the fourth. Sonny Parisi, 192, hard-hitting Brooklyn novice, battered Harold Mitchell, 189½, Atlantic City, out of competition in 2:34 of the first. The attendance was 12,305 and the gross gate $40,092.

Forcing the action earned the decision for Paddy Young, 154¾, Greenwich Village, over Mel Bartholomew, 149, New Orleans, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Bartholomew, showing for the first time in a metropolitan ring, shaped up well, but operated too much on the defensive, and Young, though he did more missing than hitting, grabbed the verdict by his aggressiveness. Joe Aurillo, 157¾, Chester, Pa., outfought Armando Amanini, 159, Italy, in six. Another scheduled six wound up in the second when Johnny Forte, 139½, Philadelphia, kayoed Benny Smith, 136, Jamaica. In fours, Ronny Hopp, 171, Brooklyn, won over Angel Martinez, 175, Clifton, N. J.; Georgie Holzman, 158¾, Bayonne, N. J., pasted the much-pasted Nat (Izzy) Blum, 163, Brooklyn, and Gene Japnie, 139, Brooklyn, stopped Georgie Scott, 142, Chicago, in the first.

A real old-fashioned back-alley brawl, short on science but long on action, was turned loose at the Eastern Parkway Arena by Morris Reif, 150, Brooklyn, and Joe Murray, 145, Hempstead, with the veteran Reif winning by a kayo in 1:38 of the sixth. It was the Brooklyn slugger's first start in ten months, and he had rough going before his explosive left hook finally won for him. In a pair of sixes, Frankie Carini, 146, East Side, had the better of James Conroy, 150, Bronx, and Bobby Tighe, 156½, Brooklyn, whipped Enrico Lopez, 152, Mexico City. In fours, Johnny Giacco, 123, came through with the verdict over Max Vazquez, 118, Puerto Rico, and Jimmy Monahan, 136, Brooklyn, grabbed the officials' vote over Barney Taylor, 135, West Side.

Repeating a win he had scored a couple of weeks previously at the St. Nick Arena, but this time in eight instead of six, Bill Bossio, 119½, likely-looking Pittsburgher, boxed his way to a decision over the veteran Jose Aponte Torres, 123, Puerto Rico, at the White Plains Community Center. The lineup of talent resembled a Pan-American get-together, with five Puerto Ricans, one Mexican and one Cuban on the bill. Phil Morizio, 132½, Yorkville, whipped Jose Cardenas, 134½, Mexico City, in the semi-final six. Another six finished in the fifth when George Sanchez, 125¾, Cuba, stopped Max Osario, 125, Puerto Rico. Roman Barchuk, 143¾, East Side, won over Frank Navedo, 147, Puerto Rico, in four; Georgie Holzman, 154, Bayonne, N. J., kayoed Carl Calabrese, 155, Mt. Kisco, in the third, and Manuel Sanchez, 128, halted Robert Valentin, 133, in the third of an all-Puerto Rico affair.

The stylish Tommy Yarosz, 169, Monaca, Pa., ran into unexpected opposition from youthful Jimmy Beau, 162¼, Norwalk, Conn., at the St. Nick Arena, and needed all his speed, skill, experience and weight advantage to win in eight. Yarosz had some rough moments in the sixth and final frames, when he was staggered by the aggressive, hard-hitting Nutmeg Stater. One of the best fights staged in the West 66th Street sluggery this season was another eight between Gaetano Annaloro, 119, Italian-Tunisan, and the heavier Bobby Bell, 125½, Youngstown. They maintained a blistering pace all the way, with the officials unable to pick a winner. In two other eights, Fred Monforte, 138½, Brooklyn, whipped Guillermo Giminez, 138, Argentina, and Tommy Bazzano, 151, Middletown, Conn., edged out Ben (Preacher) Jones, 151½, Tarboro, N. C.

Though he won handily enough, Joe Lindsay, 186, Brooklyn, found Jimmy Slade, 178, Bronx, a difficult target to hit solidly, and he had to content himself with the decision in a fast-moving ten at Sunnyside Garden. Archie McBride, 189, New Hope, Pa., came on from behind to outlast the pudgy veteran Henry Jones, 196, Bronx, and cop the verdict in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Johnny Lemons, 126, Stamford, Conn., was too tart for Primo Arellano, 122, Houston, Tex., and Joe Leslie, 155, Augusta, Ga., polished off Joe Aurillo, 157, Philadelphia, in the second. Clyde Williams, 203, South Carolina, halted Lonnie Griffin, 184, West Side, in the third of a four.

Rough-and-ready Tony Bertucci, 158, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, grabbed a split verdict over the veteran Ernie Vigh, 157½, former Newburgher, now operating out of Middle Village, L. I., in a hard-fought eight at the Broadway Arena. Referee Jim Freeman thought Vigh won, but was outvoted by Judges Dave Stewart and Joe Schecter. In the semi-final six, Carmine Fiore, 138½, Brooklyn, dropped George Burrows, 137½, Bronx, three times in winning the decision. Tommy McGowan, 146¾, Brooklyn, whipped Luis Ortiz, 140, Puerto Rico, in another six. In fours, Irving Wallach, 149, East Side, drew with Jack Randolph, 149, Mississippi; Rocky Compitello, 156½, Brooklyn, kayoed Roland Minsal, 151½, Spain, in the first, and Hector Rodriguez, 124½, Brooklyn, did likewise to Manuel Baptista, 128, New Bedford, Mass.

In the semi-final eight to the LaMotta-Villemain affair in Madison Square Garden, classy Joe Miceli, 144½, East Side, had too much speed and too many left hands for rugged Billy Wyatt, 145½, Trenton, N. J., and grabbed a unanimous decision in eight. A strong finish earned the verdict for Bernie Dowd, 133¾, Livingston, N. J., over Henry Schillizi, 133, Bronx, in six. In another six, a Villemain stablemate, Germaine Caboche, 156, France, was given a thorough shellacking by Jackie Keough, 154½, Cleveland. Though he was on the canvas four times, the officials thought that Vince Murray, 134, Jamaica, did enough damage to his opponent to offset those knockdowns and earn the decision over Gene Bora, 137, Elizabeth, N. J., in four. Pete Tropia, 136½, Bronx, edged out Johnny Heza, 140¾, West Side, in another four. The attendance was 9,599 and the gate $33,476.

Though spotting weight and experience to his awkward opponent, youthful Billy Corbett, 159½, Tacoma, Wash., had a bit too much aggressiveness for Tony DeMicco, 166, Schenectady, and won handily in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Native Brooklynites did well enough in the preliminary numbers, chalking up three wins against one defeat. The one loser was Ralph Carrique, 133½, who was kayoed by Walter Keyes, 136½, Greenville, S. C., in the second of four. The Brooklyn winners were Bobby Tighe, 156, who won over Al Adele, 150, Harlem, in six; Norman Kelly, 153, who decisioned Bill Brenner, 151½, Vancouver, B. C., also in six, and Nick Edwards, 128, who had the better of Billy Forde, 130½, West Side. In another bout, Ernie Koutnick, 133½, Paterson, N. J., outpointed Tommy Dixon, 130¼, West Side, in four.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By Homer Amundsen

THE College of Puget Sound staged a lively ten-bout amateur card between Tacoma and Seattle performers at the large new college field house. Tacoma boys won full eight bouts from the Seattle team.

Pat McMurtry, Tacoma amateur 170-pounder now attending Gonzaga University, recently received from Bing Crosby a letter wishing the sensational "Irish" lad success in his college boxing.

We are happy to report Frankie Chee Chee Britt, former Tacoma featherweight boxer, met with complete success on a recent eye operation.

Tacoma's Golden Gloves tournament gets under way on January 26th and 27th. The coming venture promises to be bigger and better than the 1949 show.

Tacoma boxing followers have strengthened their praise anent Young Mike McMurtry, after the youngster's sensational recent victory, now nine straight.

Paulie Cook, retired Tacoma featherweight, recently returned home after a sojourn in Hawaii. Paulie, a sergeant in Uncle Sam's Army, will coach several soldier fighters at nearby Fort Lewis.

The writer sat in on the Jack Flood vs Tony Bosnich brawl at Seattle. Flood won in ten rounds over the Californian. Both boys took hefty pot shots at each other.

Professional wrestling got under way for the winter months at this writer's arena. Nick Zovolis, wrestling veteran, has been appointed promoter for the local grappling shows. Nick's initial show drew a packed house.

Mickey Connelly recently disposed of Seattle's Ringside Gymnasium.

It may be quite a span of time before Tacoma will show signs as a good professional fight town. Short-sighted men connected with the sport failed to lend their support in boosting the simon-pure boys. The result, no local talent.

The writer extends to readers of RING and those directly connected with boxing a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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Charley Johnston, former Tacoma welterweight puncher, recently dropped a decision in a scrap at Oakland, Calif. The towhead has to date won one bout, drew once, and blew one, in California rings.

"Irish" Bob Kelly, who waged a couple of slam-bang fights in Tacoma a few seasons back, is now a car salesman in Seattle. From reports, the popular "Irish" kid is doing all right for himself in his new venture. Bob fought as a welterweight.

For a fifteen-year-old amateur sprout, Ruggles Larson, 115 pounds, is without peer among the simon-pures. Ruggles does his boxing under Tacoma's Starlight Club.

Roy Hawkins, transplanted Tacoma heavyweight, met disaster in his comeback attempt with Seattle's Negro fighter, Jack Flood, on a Seattle card. Flood had Hawkins on the deck three times in the first round. The fight ended in round four when the referee stopped the mix after Hawkins was taking too much punishment.

Jimmie Amann's weekly boxing letter rates Tacoma's 16-year-old heavyweight comer, "Irish" Mike McMurtry, alongside that of Rex Layne, Salt Lake City boy.

Nick Zovolis' second wrestling show staged in the writer's arena, drew another bumper crowd, giving the fans a bang-up program.

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NEWS FROM SINGAPORE

By Ralph P. Modder

THE American, Boy Brooks, who holds the welterweight, middleweight and light-heavyweight titles of the Orient, won on a disqualification in the seventh round while defending his middleweight title against Som Pong, Singapore welter king, in a fight scheduled for 15 rounds. It was the island's first post-war Orient title scrap.

Referee Eric Dunsford raised the champion's had after the challenger had been repeatedly warned for hitting low.

Brooks weighed 157½ and Som Pong 146.

On the same card, an American, Harry Campbell, 160, stopped Brian Robertson, 143, in round two. Robertson quit after a plucky display with two cuts on his left eye.

Mok Kai Khoon looked as surprised as the crowd and the referee when Sam Langford of India walked out of the ring after the bell had sounded in the second round of a featherweight scrap. The commission forfeited his purse.

One week after he retained his Orient middleweight title against Som Pong, Boy Brooks stopped Golden Boy, light and welter king of Malaya, in the eighth session of a scheduled ten-round non-title scrap at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. Brooks weighed 156 and Golden Boy 145.

The Orient triple champion carried the fight to his opponent from the opening bell. Golden Boy took a lot of punishment while the fight lasted, and in round eight Brooks sent a vicious left to the face which opened an old scar over Golden Boy's right eye, ending the battle.

In a supporting return featherweight bout, Nai Som See of Siam outpointed Mok Kai Khoon over ten threes. Khoon had previously stopped Som See in round six.

DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES
By Jack Waina

EACH year at this time THE RING Magazine comes out with its annual ratings and so this writer gives out with his opinion on the fighters in this vicinity.

Heavyweights: 1—Lee Oma, 2—Vern Mitchell, 3—Roscoe Toles, 4—Mack Parshay, 5—Henry Jones, 6—Jackie Thompson, 7—Dominic Berardo.

Light-heavyweights: 1—Archie Moore, 2—Bob Amos, 3—Rango Harris, 4—Sampson Powell, 5—Bert Dowdell, 6—Bobby Morris, 7—Lew Hardman.

Middleweights: 1—Pete Mead, 2—Gene Boland, 3—Ray Barnes, 4—Jimmy Palmer, 5—Eddie O'Neil, 6—Bill Handlin, 7—Paul Darby.

Welterweights: 1—Lester Felton, 2—Frankie Abrams, 3—Charley Cotton, 4—Allie Gronick, 5—Forrest (Fist) Dever, 6—Chuck Hurst, 7—Floyd (Red) LaVasseur.

Lightweights: 1—Harold Jones, 2—Leroy Willis, 3—Clem Custer, 4—Jay Watkins, 5—Dave Marsh, 6—Ray Brown, 7—Tommy Matthews.

Featherweights: 1—Luther Burgess, 2—Ernesto Aguilar, 3—Mickey Young, 4—Yussel (Izzy) Leyton, 5—Willie Anderson, 6—Barry Gordy, 7—Johnny O'Connor.

Plenty of fireworks hit the auto capital of the world since the decision favoring Lester Felton over Kid Gavilan at the Olympia last month. The majority of the noise can be termed as unnecessary. The case is closed. The investigations resulted in all hands being cleared.

NOVICE TOPICS—Eddie Walsh and Chuck Tomarchio came through with victories over Martin Sweeney and Clarence Thomson respectively at the Hacket Field House. . . . On top at the Chesterfield Arena, Jim Vander, 142 pounds, scored a TKO in the second round over Jesse Smith. Eddie Walsh, 160, defeated Bernard Murray in a slugfest. Chuck Tomarchio decisioned Clarence Thomson again at 112 pounds for the second time in a week. . . . Jim Vander got a little careless with Bob Hoffman at Frost Avis A.C., and as a result the latter avenged a previous loss to Jim by stopping him in the opening issue.

The simon pures have been boxing every Thursday night on television with other shows being presented two and three times weekly giving the fan a steady diet of action. . . . The annual CYO tournament is slated to open on the fifth of January. . . . Mickey Warner in his last three fights has scored a couple of second round knockouts.

For the first time one minute and a half between rounds instead of the customary one minute was put into use at Grand Rapids and was approved by the managers of the main event performers. As a result Commissioner Floyd Stevens stated that he planned to recommend the system to the NBA. In the feature ten rounder, Anton Raadik, of Chicago, decisioned Tony DeMiccio, of New York. Raadik and DeMiccio had fought to a draw at Chicago earlier.

The majority of the handlers disapproved the extra time rest period between rounds at the Arcadia Gardens, where Matchmaker Willie Dominguez arranged a card displaying good preliminary talent.

In the main event which went eight slugging rounds, Tommy Darrough, 152½, Flint, gained his best win to date by outpointing a more experienced Irish Bill Partin, 153½, Tallahoma, Tenn. There were no knockdowns.

Chuck Davey, 144½, Detroit sharp-shooting southpaw, packed too many guns for rugged Mike (Kid) Silva, 142¾, Detroit, and as a result gained a two frame knockout victory. Hank Risk, 145½, a one-time star Toledo novice, coming along at a fast clip bested Louis McKessick, 146½, Detroit, in six.

A heavyweight with a sock, Embrel Davidson, at 205, Detroit, put Mike Rock, 183, Detroit, down for the count in the opening issue. Bud Baker, 161, Detroit, fought to a standstill with Duke Balcerzak, 160¼, Toledo, and Joe Scala, 155, New York, defeated James Riley, 156, Detroit, in a pair of fours.

At the Warren Avis Boys Club, a television show with novice performers displaying their wares took place.

The veteran and second ranking light-heavyweight who has won his way into the hearts of the Toledo fistic fans following, Archie Moore, won by a TKO over Buffalo's Phil Muscato, in the sixth round on the fourth annual Toledo Police-Fire Recognition night show sponsored by the Toledo "Times" at the Arena.

A noisy 6,800 paying customers who paid $23,500 into the coffers, watched Archie throw punches from every angle as he battered the New Yorker all over the ring decisively. Coming in the ring at 181 pounds, three less than his adversary, Moore dropped Muscato six times, four of them coming in the final sixth heat. Referee Dutch Mauder finally stepped in at 2:48 and halted the one-sided clash.

An additional ten found Tippy Larkin, 145½, Garfield, N. J., outpointing the highly billed Italian champion, Aldo Minelli, 147½, Milan, Italy, in a dancing duel which left much to be desired.

Yussel (Izzy) Leyton, 129, popular, classy up and coming Detroiter, fought a show stealing bout with Johnny O'Connor, 127, Toledo lad, who returned to his home grounds following a good tour throughout the East. The 21 year old Mexican-Hebrew made another great hit in the Ohio city when despite being spilled for a nine count in the third, he outboxed his Irish opponent in five of the six rounds. As a result of his fine performance, Izzy was rewarded with a neat gold watch.

Other Toledo maulers fought their way to victories. Duke Balcerzak, 159½, won over Cecil Graff, 156, Detroit, in four. Hank Risk, 146½, knocked out Don Blower, 147, Lansing, in 2:09 of the third, and Kelly Hymore, 118, stopped Jimmy Young, 125, Detroit, in 1:04 of the third also.

Mickey Young, 123, Flint, beat Dave Rollins, 119¾, Detroit, in six. Shaking off the effects of his knockout at the hands of Bill Handlin, the hard punching of Kid Alfonso, 160, Monroe, put away Archie Logan, 162½, Akron, in 1:04 of the opening issue.

Sandy Saddler, former featherweight ruler and fresh from a knockout win over Paddy DeMarco, stopped in at the Toledo Sports Arena, before a turnout of 2500 spectators who paid $5,300 and beat Leroy Willis, Michigan lightweight champion, in ten heats. Saddler coming in at 130½ had the Paradise Valley pride and joy hanging on in the ninth frame, but Leroy managed to finish the distance.

Berry Gordy, 124¼, Detroit cutie and stablemate of Willis', showed hereabouts for the first time in close to a year, but found no opposition in Nick Valentino, 128, Detroit, who was stopped in three. Kid Alfonso, 163, Monroe, scored another fast KO by winning a first frame knockout over Pete Strumboli, 164, formerly of Baltimore and now of Toledo.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH: One of the smoothest looking southpaws to appear here in a local ring in some time, Chuck Davy, welterweight, of Detroit.

Despite all the hubbub going around the town following the previous show staged at the Olympia Stadium, Nick Londos and his associates returned the popular Lester Felton, Detroit welterweight, against Tony Pellone, New York, who has always pleased in his encounters here. A crowd of 8,976 paid a gross gate of $18,004.40 to watch the battlers go at it to a good but unpopular draw decision after ten heats.

Two of the better little fellows in this vicinity, Luther Burgess, 131½, Detroit, and Michigan featherweight champion, opposing pleasing Ernesto Aguilar, 132, Mexico City, went at it in an eight rounder semi-final in which the former carried out the decision. In their first meeting, which came off on the LaMotta-Cerdan card this past summer, Aguilar was awarded the verdict.

Charley Cotton, 148½, Toledo youth, is sparing no time in moving along the fistic ladder as he easily TKO'ed Howard Williams, 146, Detroit, in two. Joe Garza, 145, Detroit prospect, won his second pro setto by outpointing a much taller Otis Trivilion, 143, Detroit, in five.

Cecil Graff, 157½, Lincoln Park, defeated Bobby Williams, 160, Detroit, for the second time in four, and Charley (Nature Boy) Brown, 148¾, Detroit, was awarded a TKO over Bobby Brown, 148¾, Detroit, in the third.

Clem Custer, of Detroit, and Ronnie Harper, Huntington, W. Va., a pair of lightweights, finally got at each other after their match previously tabbed for Toledo had to be set aside when the former had to withdraw. Fighting at the Arcadia Gardens, Custer had little trouble in beating his game but outclassed opponent who made a big hit despite a losing effort.

Tommy Darrough, Flint middleweight, reversed an earlier defeat at the hands of Cecil Graff, Lincoln Park, in six. Embrel Davidson, socking Detroit heavy, TKO'ed Sherman Washington, Dayton, Ohio, in five.

Freshman football coach here at Wayne University in Detroit, Jack Fallon, tried his hand at boxing and set Jake Hunter, Inkster heavyweight, down a couple of times before being awarded a four round TKO. Bud Baker, Hazel Park 160-pounder, fought a draw with Bobby Williams, Detroit, in four, and George McDonald, former Lansing light-heavy novice star, dropped Johnny Nichols, Inkster, in one.

A couple of heavyweight matches shared top billing at the Arena Gardens. The durable Scot, Vern Mitchell, 188, Detroit, didn't have too much trouble in taking eight of the ten rounds in his encounter with a fair Jackie Thompson, 204¼, Detroit. The bout was a rugged affair with no knockdowns scored.

Veteran Roscoe Toles, 192½, 35 year old Detroiter, stopped his fellow-townsman, Henry (Bones) Jones, 183½, in the fourth. Fighting after a seven month layoff, Toles looked slow but found little or no opposition at all in Henry.

The undercard composed of fours, had Irish Billy Partin, of Tullahoma, Tenn., and Detroit, whipping Dan Pinto, 151, Columbus. Tony Bajkowski, 127¾, Hamtramck, won over Billy Todd, 126¼, another Columbus puncher, and serious minded Kelly Hymore, 120¼, Toledo, defeated Joe Nelson, 128, Detroit.

HERE AND THERE—Bobby North has just imported Kid Pambele, welter from Managua, Nicaragua, a fighter who North tabs as "you'll be hearing of soon". . . . Chico Varone is going great guns in Philly, despite his recent loss to Jimmy King. . . . Ace Michigan matchmaker, Willie Dominguez, has been named to succeed Eddie Higgins at the Arcadia Gardens.

The personable and popular Lee Mulrooney has resigned from his post as secretary of the Television Amateur Boxing Association. Associated with the International Boxing Club and running the CYO boxing club four nights a week as well, has kept Lee pretty busy. Members of the TABA will vote by ballot to determine his successor.

Here are a few new changes which have been adopted by Commissioner Floyd Stevens and his staff: Eight ounce gloves will replace the six-ounce gloves hereforth; round rest periods will be 90 seconds instead of 60; relatives will be barred as seconds of fighters, and it will be recommended that all boxers who have been knocked out, be required to remain out of the ring for a period of six weeks. The latter should help subdue the poorer preliminary fighters who prove nothing more than set-ups for their opponents. . . . Veteran fight judge, Frank Fisher, has resigned from the post.

Word has leaked out that Frank Polizzi, a lad with a good background, is back in training. . . . Sammy Angott, ex-lightweight champion, is making a comeback as a welter under a local manager.

ELSEWHERE—Toronto, Canada—Vern Mitchell, 186, defeated Tiger Ted Lowry in ten rounds. . . . Windsor heavyweight sensation, Earl Walls, at 188¼, scored his third first round knockout when he dumped Kurt Schiegl in 2:07 of the opening issue at London, England. . . . Applying his powerful right hand punch, Charley Cotton, Toledo welter, stopped the show at Chicago when he stopped Shamus McCrea in the second. . . . Donald Jones, lightweight, showed class as he stopped Joe Susdik in three frames of a Windy City preliminary bout. . . . Joe Louis opened his exhibition tour by boxing Johnny Shkor at Boston, 11-14, and Joe Cheshul at Newark.

Pete Mead, Grand Rapids 160-pounder, couldn't match the style of Randolph Turpin at London and as a result could not continue after the fourth due to a cracked rib. . . . Comebacking Bill Eddy, Flint 135-pounder, and one time state champion, came out on the short end of his affair with Keith Nuttall at Spokane, Wash. . . . Harold Jones, 138, dropped a pair as John L. Davis, 136, took everything "Baby Face" had to offer at Seattle but gave out more in return, and Tommy Campbell, 137, adjusted himself to the southpaw slants of Jones to carry off the verdict at Chicago. . . . Paul Darby, middleweight, came out second best to Jackie Keough also at the Windy City.

This scribe can once more be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, in Detroit 9, Michigan, as of January 18. Promoters' and managers' notes are always welcomed. Those who would rather phone should dial VInewood 22025. Till next issue from the Motor City, keep punching. Sorry some of my notes had to be left out because of the space taken up by the Annual Ratings.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By Franklin T. McQuaide, Jr.

DON ALDERSON, 140, Canonsburg, Pa., was awarded the split decision over Ronnie Harper, 138, Charlestown, W. Va., in the eight round main event on Promoter Joe Brusco's show at the Aragon Garden. Alderson, a former local Golden Gloves champion, easily won the early rounds employing a sharp left jab and his famous right cross, but in the middle rounds Harper found the range and began playing a tune on Alderson's nose. Alderson started to forge ahead again in the seventh and eighth rounds, but there were many, including the writer, who thought that Harper had piled up enough points in the middle rounds to deserve the nod.

In the six round semi-final, Johnny Ward, 133, Clairton, Pa., and Herb Jackson, 135, Akron, Ohio, fought to a draw.

Chuck Grier, 149, Horning, Pa., decisioned Calvin O'Neal, 146, Pittsburgh, Pa., in six.

The outstanding bout on the card was a five rounder between Doc Watkins, 138, Homeville, Pa., and Jimmy Folk, 136, Cumberland, Md., in which Watkins, Fritzie Zivic's protege, walked off with the unanimous decision.

In the four round opener, Doug Grinnage, 145, Rankin, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Rad Minko, 139, Charleroi, Pa.

FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
By Jim Echols

IN the third and rubber match between Jimmy Cooper, 125½, and Charlie Titone, 125, on Turner's weekly fight card, the contest ended in a draw. This ten rounder was equally as good as the previous two, with both boys finishing strong right down to the final bell.

Pat Thomas' string of seven pro wins was broken by Walter Hamm who copped a unanimous win over the former Golden Glover in four rounds. Thomas scaled 130 to Hamm's 130½.

Kid Saucer, 179, Washington, won over Jimmy Ward, 181½, Camden, in four. Jimmy O'Brien, 150, Baltimore, won via a T.K.O. over Billy Hickerson, 145, Washington, in 2:59 of the second. Scott Richardson, 161½, Washington, decisioned Billy Richardson, 157½, Baltimore, in four and Jimmy Briscoe, 147, Washington, in a win over George Sherrod, 148, Alexandria, Va., in four.

Senor Gabriel Menendez came up with a trio of eight rounders to head the fistic card at Turner's and in so doing gave the fans an action-packed night of fighting. In an all local scrap Holly Mims, 157, avenged a previous loss to Artie Bethea, 154½, and scored three knockdowns.

Marshall Clayton, New Orleans, 141, stopped over Tough Bobby Rosado, 145, Puerto Rico, in 2:21 of the seventh.

In the opening eight, Little Dynamite, 129, Washington, won over Irish Pat O'Leary, 131, Chicago.

In a fiver, Johnny Holt, 160, Washington, won a split duke over Ike Martin, 160, Baltimore. In the opening four, Jimmy Briscoe, 145, won over Charlie Duke, 146.

Liberty's second attraction for the winter season was a ten rounder headed by Bobby Bell of Youngstown and Charlie Titone, Brooklyn featherweight, at Uline Arena. Bell outpointed Charlie. It was a good bout, with both lads scaling 125.

Five four rounders completed Goldie Ahearn's card. The veteran, Charlie Bennett, 142, decisioned tough Chink Williams, 140, in a slugfest. In another local match Kid Wolfe, 175, won handily over Joe Flood, 173. Angelo Marini, 155½, D.C., somewhat improved, copped a win over John Pratt, 159, also D.C.

Jimmy O'Brien, 151½, Baltimore, T.K.O.'ed Charlie Duke, 157, D.C., in 2:14 of the third. George Carrigan, 158½, Baltimore, won over George Sherrod, 164, Alexandria, Va.

Pat Thomas, 133, local favorite, gained revenge over Walter Hamm, 130, when he won via the T.K.O. route in one of four scheduled eights on the weekly Turner fistic card. The referee decided to stop the bout with Hamm reeling around the ring in the sixth.

Roland Randall, 164, Washington, also won by T.K.O. in the fourth over Johnny Holt, 162½, Washington, in 1:46. A stinging right to Holt's nose in the first, flattened it, causing it to bleed profusely, until Referee Eddie Lafond stopped the bout.

In a decided mismatch, Leon Daughtry, 148, Washington, was outclassed by Bobby Dawson, 149, New York City, in an eight.

In the fourth eight, Billy Patterson, 149½, New York City, decisioned Mel Bartholomew, 147, New Orleans, in a good bout, and fine show.

Sonny Boy West, 134, D.C.'s colorful lightweight, continued his winning ways by defeating Ernesto Aguilar, 132½, of Mexico City, in Goldie Ahearn's Liberty Club, a ten round headliner at Uline Arena. West looked impressive.

In a six rounder semi-final, Walter Roane, 147, D.C., won via a T.K.O. in 1:45 of the sixth over Angel Chavez, 144½, Springfield, Mass. A trio of fours completed the card. Maurice Nelson, 128, D.C., won from Joe Cammarata, 125, Baltimore. George Carrigan, 159, Baltimore, decisioned George Sherrod, 162, Alexandria, Va., and Billy Cofield, 141½, Baltimore, beat Billy Hickerson, 143½, D. C., in a fast bout. The entire card was good.

A trio of eights featured Gabe Menendez's weekly fistic round-up. Little Dynamite, 126, Washington, won from the favored Leo LeBron, 120½, Canada, in a sizzling eight. This was Dynamite's fifteenth win since turning pro.

Herbie Jones, 137½, Washington, scored a T.K.O. over Lou Ortiz, 138½, New York City, in 2:32 of the sixth. Ortiz was down four times. Al Winn, 165, New York City, kayoed Roland Randall, 163, Washington, in 2:45 of the third.

Two fours completed a good card. Kid Wolfe, 178, D.C., kayoed Battling Moore, 191, D.C., in 2:03 of the third and Jimmy O'Brien, 151½, Baltimore, stopped Joe Green, 153, Alexandria, in 1:35 of the second.

At Turner's—Charlie Titone, 124½, Brooklyn, won a split duke over Art Llanos, 122, Puerto Rico. Pat Thomas, 133, Washington, won via T.K.O. over Walter Hudson, 130, Philadelphia, in 2:29 of the second. Marshall Clayton, 140, New Orleans, won by T.K.O. over Jimmy Briscoe, 145, Washington, in 2:28 of the fourth. Johnny Cunningham, 141½, Baltimore, beat Frank Ball, 140, in four. Scott Richardson, 161, Washington, knocked out Joe Williams, 161½, Baltimore, in 2:28 of the third. Kid Saucer, 176, Washington, and Fred Bailey, 168½, battled to a draw.

It was a very good fight card.

Joe Gannon, now a private on the metropolitan police force has been assigned by Major Robert Barrett to assist Lt. Forrest L. Binswanger as a co-ordinator of boxing of all Police boys clubs.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

THE Tidewater Amateur Boxing Tournament, held at City Auditorium in Norfolk, highlighted Virginia's boxing efforts last month. The Virginia Athletic Club, under Bob Sercey and Oscar Bryan sponsors the show yearly.

1950 Tidewater champions—Novice classes: 112-pound class, Gene Butler, V.A.C.; 118-pound class, Ray Stubbs, N.A.S.; 126-pound class, John Nelson, U.S.S. Mission Bay; 135-pound class, Al Champion, U.S.S. Mississippi; 147-pound class, Jake Hilden, U.S.S. Mississippi; 160-pound class, William Moylan, U.S.M.C.; 175-pound class, Orlando Curti, U.S.M.C.; heavyweight class, Joe Andresevis, U.S.S. Mississippi; team champion, U.S.S. Mississippi.

Open classes champions: 112-pound class, Robert Bustos, N.A.S.; 118-pound class, Walter Rawles, V.A.C.; 126-pound class, Benny Barry, V.A.C.; 135-pound class (no entries); 147-pound class, Vince LaRegina, U.S.S. Mississippi; 160-pound class, Tommy Goodwin, V.A.C.; 175-pound class, Charles Weeks, V.A.C.; heavyweight, Joe Connell, U.S.S. Mississippi; team champions, Virginia Athletic Club; most popular boxer award, Benny Barry.

Due to the writer's inability to secure a suitable date in the Norfolk Auditorium, the Granby Boxing Club, Inc. (Jack Levinson, matchmaker), failed to present any professional card last month. The writer-matchmaker's address is: 128 W. 10th St., Norfolk, Va. Phone 2-8855.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

PHILIP "WILDCAT" KIM, the most-talked-of fighter in the Islands today, added nationally rated lightweight, Johnny Gonsalves, to his list of victims by winning an unanimous decision over the Oakland fighter in a ten-round bout held at the Civic Auditorium. The fight proved a close one all the way with Kim, the heavier hitter of the two, trying for a knockout and boxer Gonsalves jabbing all the time and staying out of range. Whatever superiority as a fighter the referee and the two judges saw in Kim was very slight and probably influenced by Kim's aggressiveness more than anything else. But against the fine boxing and ring generalship of Gonsalves, Kim looked bad at times by missing repeatedly with wild punches.

Philip Kim landed the hardest punch of the fight in the fourth round when he connected to Gonsalves' upper jaw with a hard left. The blow slowed the Oaklander momentarily, but he recovered fast and was carrying the fight to Kim when the round ended. Hereafter the fight was tame and uninteresting. There were no knockdowns. Promoted by Augie Curtis, the fight drew 4,607 fans for a gross gate of $9,133.00.

Philip Kim at 143 greatly outweighed Johnny Gonsalves, who tipped the scale at 139.

Other results: Placido Torres, 127½, decisioned Manuel Anduha, 126, in the fifth round. Freddy Gonsalves, 126, won over Gus Rosa, 121½, in four. Andy Kim, 144¼, T.K.O.'ed Joe Bash, 146¼, in the third of four. Mike Ines, 132¼, was held to a four-round draw by Bobby Ortiz, 132.

Territorial middleweight champion Carl "Bobo" Olson encountered little difficulty pounding out an easy unanimous ten-round decision over Johnny Duke of Los Angeles at the Civic Auditorium. Outweighing his opponent by more than five pounds, Olson scored almost at will to garner nearly all the rounds. The closest Johnny Duke came to winning a round, was the fourth, when his countering rights caught Olson's jaw several times.

A more aggressive Olson could have finished Duke as early as the fifth round. This round saw Olson opening up with a barrage of lefts and rights which had the Los Angeles fighter in a bad way. A hard right to the jaw floored Duke for a six count just before the bell. From then until the ninth, Olson coasted. In the ninth he dropped his man for a nine count.

The fight grossed $4,292.50. Carl Olson weighed 163 to Johnny Duke's 157½.

Other results: Bob Acusta, 128¾, drew against Mike Ines, 129½, four rounds. Bobby Sanders, 118¼, and Larry Padilla, 123, also fought to a four-round draw. Ken Ogitani, 142½, T.K.O.'ed Manuel Correa, 138¾, in the fourth and final round. Lightweight Leo Tolentino polished off Al Kalua in the first heat.

Freddy "Babe" Herman of Arizona received the better end of the deal against Philip Kim, 143, of Honolulu when their ten-round duel, held at the Civic Auditorium, was declared a draw. The referee favored Kim by a 16-15 count but his scorecard was nullified by the judges' scorecards which read 14-14 and 15-15. The fight was close all the way with Kim winning the earlier rounds. This corner saw Philip Kim the winner purely on the strength of his aggressiveness.

Other results: Lou Langley, 123, decisioned Adolph Samuels, 124, who was trying a comeback, five rounds. Eddie Reyes, 126½, held Bobby Acusta, 128½, to a four-round draw. Ray Carvalho, 123¼, beat Larry Padilla, 124½, four rounds. In the opener Bobby Sanders, 122½, outpointed Masa Goda, 127¼.

IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
By Denny Capili

TEN years and three months ago, the first news in boxing from the Malay States hit the pages of THE RING Magazine of September, 1939, under the above caption and written by the same writer mentioned above.

Today boxing is going great in this metropolis. The latest ring importation is Boy Brooks, welterweight, middleweight and light-heavyweight champion of the Orient, and Harry Campbell, a rising middleweight. Both boys and their manager, Daniel N. Capili, were given a rousing welcome when they arrived at Singapore at the Kallang Airport.

Fight results: Boy Brooks was fouled by Nai Som Pong in the seventh round of a scheduled 15 rounds. As a result, Som Pong's purse was withheld by the Singapore Boxing Board of Control. Harry Campbell T.K.O.'ed Brian Roberston in the third round. Sam Langford was T.K.O.'ed by Mok Kai Khoon in the second round. Little Chy won over Kid Castello, who substituted for Ron Longman.

At Kuala Lumphur: Before a capacity crowd Boy Brooks T.K.O.'ed Golden Boy in the eighth round of a ten-rounder. Golden Boy was no match for the Orient triple champion. Sunny T.K.O.'ed Tiger Salleh in the second of the curtain-raiser. The fight was promoted by Ho Kim Meng.

C. M. Houghton, the well-known promoter of Singapore, of pre-war fame, is coming back to the game as a promoter. Houghton has brought to Singapore well-known boxers like Mohamed Fahmmy, Flashy Sebastian, Young Frisco, Star Frisco, Ventura Marquez and many others. He has the guts, money and the wealth of experience a promoter needs.

RING HIGHLIGHTS FROM TORONTO
By Bill Keele

PRO BOXING is coming into its own again in Toronto thanks to two active, persistent promoters, Pete Calderone of the Diamond Boxing Club and Frank Tunney of the Queensbury A.C.

Tunney put on a slam-bang show here on December fifth which was attended by about 5,000 fans. Alan McFater, in his second pro fight lost to Canadian feather champion, Jean Richard of Montreal in the feature eight-rounder on a split decision.

Other winners on the card were Davey Mitchell of Toronto, by a kayo over Tim Healy of Rochester in the second round of a featherweight bout. Johnny Rowe of Rochester won over the clever Simeon Waithe of Toronto in six rounds. Eddie Zastre of Winnipeg, winner of the Jack Dempsey heavyweight tournament held in Toronto recently, kayoed Ken Lovegrove of Hamilton in the third. Gus Rubicini, a graduate of the Oakwood Boxing Club, and a newcomer to pro ranks, won handily from Marc Begin of Montreal, in a middleweight bout. George Sinclair, fighting his first pro bout, stopped Shaun McGinnis of Toronto in the third.

Amateur boxing has been going great guns in Toronto and vicinity largely due to the activities of the Oakwood Boxing Club being operated by the well-known former ringmen, the Bagnato brothers, Joey, Vic and Charlie. Oakwood boxers are in demand all over the province of Ontario and in several U.S. centers.

Many former Oakwood stars are campaigning in the professional ring, some of whom are Earl Walls, heavyweight, Jackie Graham, feather. Ernie Majury, lightweight, Don Mogard, former heavyweight champion of the Royal Canadian Air Force, now fighting in the British Isles, Rudy Pasquale, feather, Gus Rubicini and Jackie Duggan, both middleweights.

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MINNESOTA RING NEWS
By "Spike McCarthy"

AT the Duluth Armory—Promoter Smiling Sammy Gollop, Duluth's fistic impresario, struck pay dirt after a summer of financial reverses when he showed Vince Donnelly, 200-pound Minneapolis heavyweight hope, in his top bout of an action-filled card. The young Adonis from the Mill City won by a T.K.O. when his opponent, Henry Davis, Chicago 190-pounder, suffered two broken ribs and had to withdraw. Until the time of the kayo, the bout had been crammed with action.

In the six-round semi-windup, Mel Hammond, 124, won the duke over Nick Sanders, 123, St. Louis. In another sixer, Roy Higa, 120, Art Stern's bantamweight hope from Honolulu, won the crowd over to his bandwagon by whipping tall, lean Bob Roberts, 120, from St. Louis.

In a home town grudge match, Tom LaGurde, 128, of Duluth, whipped Ray Perrault, 128, his fellow townsman, in a hard-fought bout. George Nyberg, 156, a veteran of pre-Pearl Harbor days, was given the decision over Bobby Outten, 155, of Chicago, in a fast bout. In the opener, Max Butcher, 175, of Minneapolis, took one punch at Al Masterson, 169, of Duluth, and scored a one-round kayo, putting Master Masterson out for the full ten and then some.

At the Minneapolis Auditorium—Gunnin' Glen Flanagan, 128, St. Paul's fighting featherweight, drank deep from the cup of revenge when he put the crusher on his leading Northwest rival, Jackie Graves, 128, to whom he had lost a hard-fought ten-round decision four weeks previously in the same arena. The time was 1.12 of the third round. Meaner and more vicious than he has ever been, the fighting young Mick from the city across the river tore into Jackie at the outset and chased him from corner to corner in his desperate bid for local supremacy. He dropped Graves for the full ten count after having had him on the floor earlier in the second round for a no-count. Referee Johnny Behr, who was imported from Chicago to officiate due to the intense partisan feelings between the rival camps, scored both of the two first rounds 10 to 8 in favor of Glen.

This crushing defeat of the southern Minnesotan closes the book on a rivalry that has existed between these two since the advent of Flanagan, who hit the top of the heap here following his stunning win over St. Louis' hard-punching battler, Charley Riley, and his ten-round draw with Cuba's fighting featherweight, Miguel Acevedo, just about a year ago.

In the six-round semi-windup, Jerry Slavin, 161, of Hopkins, kept on the winning side of the ledger when he gave game Harold Hulet, 159, of Macy, Nebr., a neat pasting. Vince Donnelly, 200, the young Mill City heavyweight, scored a knockout in the fourth frame over bulky Jim Watkins, 229, from Indianapolis. George Price, 143, St. Paul's hard puncher, gave the large crowd of followers of the Outhouse brothers of Sioux City, Nebr., a big surprise when he stiffened their pride, Gayus Outhouse, 141, in the third canto, while Gayle Outhouse, 142, found a soft touch in Walter Stone, 142¼, of St. Paul, whom he whacked out in the third heat. In another sixer, handsome Herb Quintero, 142, of New Orleans, was declared the winner by a T.K.O. over Ray Glenn, 137, of Indianapolis, in the third frame, while in the opening bout, Auburn Copeland, 124, of Detroit, whopped Roy Higa, 120, in a four-round thriller. The gross take for the show was $17,671, just about nine G's less than the first caper.

Jackie Whalen, the Mill City bantamweight, has decided to forsake a professional boxing career in favor of his new job, which, by the way, is a good paying one.

Jimmy (Sharkey) Viner, veteran St. Paul boxing follower, has taken over the management of Bob Morelli, the hard-punching young Saintly City's Irish-Italian middleweight.

At the St. Paul Main Auditorium—In spite of the efforts of Old Man Jinx, who tried his best to put the whammy on their first boxing show, the St. Paul Boxing Club's new franchise holders, Promoter Ben Kaplan and Matchmaker Murray McLean, got off to a flying start with their ten-round main event as Corky Gonzales, Denver's sensational young featherweight, whipped Harold Dade, former world's bantamweight champion. In the eight-round semi-windup, Mel Hammond, Minneapolis featherweight, defeated Chuck Burton, long-armed battler from New York. In the evening's first six-rounder, handsome Bob Morelli, St. Paul's hard-punching battler, stopped Edgar Poe, 154, from Boston, via the T.K.O. route, when Poe suffered a badly cut eye. In the best bout of the evening, a six-rounder, Jesse Mongia, 120, Denver's fighting young Mexican bantam, whipped Roy Higa of Honolulu in a thrill-packed bout.

In the four-round curtain-raiser, LaVerne Cole, 185, whipped Joe Corbett in a hard-fought bout. Cole is a St. Paulite, while the balding Corbett hails from Michigan City, Ind. The attendance was 2300, and the gross $4947.02, thereby throwing the new owners for a loss of over three grand, as the cost of the fighters was $4700.00.

Bill Wright, a one-time fighting bantamweight out of the deep south, is now living here in Minneapolis, where he is engaged in the trucking business. Back in the late 20's and early 30's Bill met the best of the small men throughout the nation.

There were many happy people at the Auditorium the night that Glen Flanagan stopped Jackie Graves, but none was as happy as the little graying bespectacled man of 60-odd years whose faith in Glen's ability to whip Graves made him the object of derision of all of the wise guys who told him in no uncertain terms that he was just wasting his time in his efforts to develop Glen. He was Leo (Daddy) Ryan, the oldest active boxing trainer in the Twin Cities. He took over the youngster from St. Paul after the Graves board of strategy had let Ryan out as trainer.

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NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

JACK HURLEY brought his new puncher, Harry "Kid" Mathews, to Omaha to show his boxing ability before 1,769 fans who paid $3,188.25 to witness the card at the City Auditorium. He showed flashes of class and heavy punching and did everything in his power to give the fight fans a good show. However, his opponent, Baby Joe Walcott (Cleon Montgomery) had no desire to mix with the Seattle slugger and went into a shell most of the time. Walcott's excuse was that the ring canvas was too slippery.

Mathews tried to make a fight of it all the way, but Walcott would cover up as Mathews scored with straight rights and lefts and then the Hurley puncher had no other target but the top of the Omahan's head. Only once during the fight did Walcott make any attempt to fight and that was in the third heat when he slipped over a right hand which jarred Mathews, but he made no attempt to follow it up.

One of Walcott's seconds got disgusted and threw a towel into the ring in an attempt to stop the fight. The towel is not recognized in Nebraska so the referee threw it back to him and the police ushered the handler and his towel away from the ring at the request of the boxing commissioner.

In the sixth round with Walcott in a corner with both gloves over his face and crouched down like he was playing stoop tag and making no effort to defend himself as Mathews hammered away with body blows, Referee Alex Fidler stepped in and stopped the fight, awarding a T.K.O. victory to Mathews. Mathews weighed in at 170 pounds while his opponent weighed 173.

The following day Boxing Commissioner Charley Moon suspended Baby Joe Walcott for an indefinite period of time. The license of Walcott's second, Milton Howard, was suspended for 60 days.

Omahans are looking forward to seeing Harry the Kid back in an Omaha ring against an opponent who will fight back before they voice their opinion of him as to his fighting ability.

In the semi-windup Earle Wenbourne, 155, Lincoln, and Lucky Mundy, 163, Ottumwa, Iowa, drew in six rounds. It was a mauling affair with Wenbourne scoring at long range and then Mundy chalking up his counters on infighting. However, Mundy hurt Wenbourne several times, but was unable to shake him loose from the clinches to finish him off.

The best bout on the card saw Gale Outhouse, 137½, South Sioux City, Nebr., and Sidney Caples, 137, Kansas City, Mo., battle through four rounds of action-packed fighting which featured toe-to-toe slugging, but Outhouse landed the most telling blows and took home the decision. It was the second win in as many pro starts for the National Golden Gloves champion, who is a newcomer to the pro ranks.

The other half of the Outhouse twin-brother act had things pretty much his way. Gayus, who was twice the Mid-west Golden Gloves king of the lightweights, scored a T.K.O. over Al Flores, 136, Lincoln, Nebr., in the first round. Flores was decked twice and suffered a cut over the right eye. Referee Sammy Mazzeri stopped the bout to save further injury to the optic. Gayus weighed 137.

Eugene "Kid" Brown, 192, Omaha, chalked up his fifth win in six pro encounters to date and his fourth kayo by knocking out James Motley, 183, Alliance, Nebr., in the third round. Motley floored Brown after 15 seconds of the opening round, but Brown came back slugging and finally dished out the lethal punch in the third canto.

Fred Lee Booker, 160, Omaha, decisioned Harold Huliett, 158, Macy, Nebr., in four rounds.

Alex Fidler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Sam Mazzeri, Omaha, shared the duties as third man in the ring.

Short Jabs—Omaha's top trainer, Paul Hernandez, has taken over to round Joe Danos of Denver into shape, as he plans a comeback in Omaha. . . . Sammy Marchese, 1949 Mid-west Golden Gloves flyweight champion, will take another fling at the Golden Gloves here and then will join the pro battlers. . . . Sugar Ray Robinson decisioned Don Lee of Edison, Nebr., in a Denver main event. It was a gross gate of $14,213.50 and Lee received $1,705.62 for the bout.

The Outhouse twins of South Sioux City, Nebr., have joined the pro ranks. Gale won the Sioux City, Iowa, lightweight Golden Gloves title in 1949 and then went on to become the National lightweight Golden Gloves champion. Twin brother Gayus was the 1949 Mid-west Golden Gloves champion in the lightweight division, but was eliminated in the Chicago tourney. They are managed by Leo Mahon, former Sioux City Golden Glover.

Albert Dawson, who is in charge of the amateur boxing at the Social Settlement in Omaha, is a native Hawaiian and holds a referee's license issued by the Territory of Hawaii. . . . Several Nebraska boxers saw action on the Council Bluffs, Iowa, show. In the main event, Joe Gaiten, 173, Omaha, and Wiley Ferguson, 176, Kearney, Nebr., drew in eight rounds. . . . Freddie Martin, 147, Council Bluffs, knocked out John Jenkins, 145, Omaha, in the second. . . . Pat O'Grady, 146, Holdrege, Nebr., knocked out Chuck Ray, 149, Omaha, in the third round. . . . Blaine Young, 151, Council Bluffs, and Jim Bovee, 150, Omaha, drew in six.

In the semi-windup Orville Bitney, 152, Omaha, knocked out Little Joe Louis, 153, Denver, in the third.

Remember to get your news in my hands by the 2nd of each month. The writer's address is 2209 Vinton Street, Omaha, Nebr.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By Sgt. J. A. Tree

DUSSELDORF—Ferdi Raescke, 65 kilo, made Buttermann, 67, retire in the fifth round.

Aachen—Jean Kreitz, 86 kilo, made a good comeback fight in beating Sapion, 79, in the first two minutes of their fight at Aachen.

Bremen—A 7,000 crowd saw Jacky Jakobsohn, 72.05 kilo, beat Radlewski, 70, the referee, Max Schmeling, stopping the fight in the sixth round. A left and right and another right put Radlewski down for seven in the fourth, and in the fifth he visited the canvas three more times.

Berlin—Herrn Gretchell put on another grand show in Berlin and headed the bill with a feather title fight between Ludwig Hess, holder, and the No. 1 contender, Walter Demke. This fight provided us with a new and good champion, for Demke, 56.8 kilo, was at his best and knocked out Hess, 57.1, in the eighth round. Hess was on the canvas for nine in the eighth from a left to the chin, and it was another punch of this type that ended the fight.

Rudi Pepper, 74 kilo, beat Neumann, 68.9, in the second round.

Peter Muller, 71 kilo, drew with Tiechmann, 68.4.

Willi Hoepner, 79.9 kilo, the new discovery in the light-heavy class, beat a heavy, Bola, 84 kilo, in three rounds.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Les Huffman

RONNIE WULF, Cincinnati's White Hope, who last year played on the Ohio State freshman football team here, has decided to give the pro boxing business a whirl. Ronnie has been a good amateur.

Wild Willie Russell, Columbus, O., hard-hitting lightweight, has been advised by his manager to hang them up. Russell, while training, was stuck in the eye with a thumb, and had to undergo an operation for a hemorrhage in the left optic. Willie had to spot a lot of his opponents several pounds in order to keep working. A lightweight, when bouts were hard to get, he would tell his manager to get welterweights. "If you cannot get a welterweight, get me a middleweight," he would say.

Eddie Miller, the Blond Bomber from Dayton, bounced back in the win column at Indianapolis, when he put the skids under Joe Sgro, the welterweight champion of Indiana, in the second heat. This was Miller's first fight in his comeback.

The Colombo-Huffman combination was greeted by the largest crowd of the wrestling season at Clarksburg when they staged a show topped by Salvatore Balbo and Benito Gardenia, with Balbo winning two out of three falls. In a 30-minute match, Abe Coleman of New York got the nod over Cowboy Hughes of Pittsburgh.

The Toledo, O., promoter, Pat Thurkettle, gave the River fans an action-packed boxing show on November 9. He had as his headliners Sandy Saddler of New York and Leroy Willis of Detroit, Mich., in a ten-round scrap that had the fans on their toes throughout the bout. Saddler was given the unanimous decision. Willis was game to the core and gave Saddler a great fight for three rounds, but Saddler kept forcing the fight and took charge after the third heat.

Kid Alfonso of Monroe stopped Pete Strumboli of Toledo in the first heat.

Dan Pinto of Columbus chalked up a win via the K.O. route in the second heat over Ted Hayes from Beverly, O. Hayes was willing but just did not have enough moxie. Referee Gould called a halt to this one in the second heat. Norman Smith of Monroe, Mich., making his first start as a pro, got batted out in the second heat in 1:41 by Rufus Berry of Baltimore. The boys weighed in at 172 each.

Red Flynn, making his first start, ran out of gas in the last and final round and was T.K.O.'ed by Frank Ivon of Columbus. Barry Gordy of Detroit, Mich., won over Jimmy Valentino of Detroit in the third heat.

Art Burgett, blond six-footer weighing in at 156, is the newest addition to the 20th Century stable of fighters.

Charley Roth, Akron heavyweight, is back in training.

Paulie Brooks of Cleveland, fast-moving little fellow, copped the duke over Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati's favorite lightweight, in a fight that was good all the way although it was plain to see from the start that Paulie had Smith under control. It was a ten-rounder and Brooks was given the unanimous decision. Fred Newbill turned the tide on Eddie Miller of Dayton and won via the K.O. route in five heats.

George Rankins, Cincinnati's heavyweight, was given the nod over Ronnie Wulf. This was their second meeting.

At Indianapolis, the Good Sports, Inc., played to a good sized gathering when Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati bantam, and Bunny Berrigan of Milwaukee, fought in the ten-round top bout. Berrigan was given the duke, but it looked like a draw from this corner. Gene Parker, Indianapolis lightweight champ, and Hyman Williams, also of the Beer City, gave a good account of themselves in the semifinal, which ended in favor of Parker. Willie Pierson, Cincinnati middleweight, dropped the duke to Joe Arthur in a four-round bout, and Candy Anderson copped a four-rounder over Dan Pinto of Columbus, O. The fight was held at the Armory.

Bert Lytell made Charley Doc Williams of North Adams say uncle in the eighth round at Dayton, November 14. There was little doubt about the outcome after the third heat.

Chester Green, of Youngstown, a former wrestler, was injured badly when he fell from a scaffold in Cleveland. Green was known as the Masked Marvel and was outstanding on the Coast until he injured his back.

The American Enterprise Sports, Inc., the new fight club in Columbus who promised to bring in nothing but name fighters for shows here, tossed in the sponge and asked the Columbus Boxing Commission to release their $1000 forfeit. The new club promoted one show.

Mayor Billy Watson, Zanesville, is getting ready to promote some shows in his home town. Managers with lightweights who are just out of the amateurs that wish to book in Zanesville, contact the writer.

Walter Moore, popular Akron wresting promoter, has been promoting wrestling shows in Lorain.

Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati's bid for the lightweight championship, beat Tommy Campbell of Rock Island, Ill., an outstanding lightweight,.

The semi-final in the Lytell-Williams show, between Gene Parker, Indianapolis, and Charley Scott of Cincinnati, ended with Parker getting the duke after eight rounds. Bob Keeling of Cincinnati and Pee Wee Watson of Dayton engaged in an action-packed six-round scrap with Keeling getting the nod. Billy Means, Cincinnati lightweight, outpointed Raymond Gien of Indianapolis, in six. Russ McKiney, Indianapolis bantamweight, stopped Billy Norton of Cincinnati, in two.

The Akron promoters sold out the house and gave the Rubber City fight fans another good fight card when they had Ron Delaney, Ohio's outstanding welterweight, in action with Cecil Hudson of San Jose, California. For ten rounds they fought like tigers. The semi-final between Delaware, Ohio's, Dapper Dan, Harry Hart, and Fitzie Pruden of St. Catherines, Ont., was a lulu all the way through. Pruden, carrying about a five pound weight advantage, came out in the first round like he was going to try and end it quick. In the seventh round Hart opened up a cut under Pruden's eye. Later Hart received a cut under his lip that caused the blood to flow steadily. Both fighters went into the last heat pretty well gooed up. The fight ended in favor of Pruden. It looked good enough from this corner for a return engagement. It went the full ten rounds.

Charlie Roth, a one-time favorite in Akron, had little trouble with Johnny Faulkner of Pittsburgh, Pa. The fight was on about even terms when Roth let fly with a hard right that spelled doom for the Steel City battler, who looked pretty good up to that time. The blow brought an end to the fight in the second round.

In five-round mills, Bill Grumbacher, a hard-hitting southpaw middleweight, was on even terms with his opponent, Archie Logan of Akron, until the fourth, when they came out of a clinch and Grombacher got a cut under his eye that ended the fight. Irish Mike Lydin, Youngstown middleweight, was stopped in the second heat by his opponent, Lola Sabatin of Warren, with a hard right to the jaw. Mike failed to make the ten count after he hit the deck. The Akron promoters hung out the S.R.O. sign early again on this one.

Results from the Arcadia Gardens in Detroit, Michigan, the 14th: Clem Custer of Detroit was given a disputed decision over Ronnie Harper of Charleston, W. Va., in eight heats. Tom Darrough of Flint outpointed Cecil Graff of Detroit in a six-round heavyweight scrap. Jack Fallon, former tackle on Notre Dame, iced Jack Hunter, Inkster, Michigan, in the fourth, in a heavyweight bout. John Nichols of Detroit was stopped by George McDonald of Michigan State University in the initial round. Embron Davis of Columbus, now fighting out of Detroit, won via the K.O. route when he stopped Sherm Washington of Columbus in the fifth.

On November 15 at the Arena Gardens of Detroit two Columbus boys, Dan Pinto, welterweight, and Billy Todd, dropped the dukes to Bill Partan and Tony Bajawshki, respectively, in six-round bouts.

Dover, Ohio, the first small spot to open up with winter boxing, held its first show on Thanksgiving night, and a good crowd turned out. The top bout between Willie Wright of Canton and long, lean Sheriff Jackson of Columbus was a corker. Jackson copped the duke in ten frames, but was pushed hard by Wee Willie all the way.

The ten-round semi-final was a pier 6 brawl between Dan Pinto, Columbus Italian, and Johnny Paoletti, Akron. Paoletti got the nod. Herby Jackson copped the duke over Clay Milliron of Akron in six heats. Herby is from Massillon. Ray Malone, Akron, won over Whitie Rollins of Massillon, while Walter Jones of Massillon was given the nod over Clarence Blain of Akron in a four-round opener. The show was held in the Armory.

The Becker brothers, Sam and Bennie, of Cincinnati, are planning to bring in some name fighters for Wallace Bud Smith, the Cincinnati lightweight.

Roscoe Toles, Detroit heavyweight, who has been around a long time, showed he is still too good for some of the heavyweights when he toyed with Henry Jones of Detroit for four rounds then polished Jones off.

Tony Janiro, Youngstown middleweight, scored a one-sided decision over Vic Costa at Newark, N. J., in the main event at the Laurel Gardens. Janiro was credited with all eight rounds by Referee Solly Castellane. Only 1000 fans attended the show.

Bob Hooey, one of the best liked sports writers here in Columbus, was in critical condition after an auto wreck on the river road while the scribe was on his way home. Bob was taken to the University Hospital after a head-on collision. He received a fractured skull and fractured kneecap.

Little Chief, an Irish-Indian from Oklahoma, has joined the 20th Century stable. The Indian weighs 128 pounds and is a good little club fighter. Contact the writer for his services.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

PROMOTER HARRY HARTMAN staged the only fight program during the past month, the event taking place at the Cincinnati Music Hall Arena on November 14th.

Wallace Buddy Smith, Cincinnati's fast coming lightweight contender, won the ten-round decision—plus an early Christmas present from the judges—over Tommy Campbell, ranking Rock Island, Ill., star.

The Smith-Campbell match had a gross take of $4012, net $3126 and 1971 paid admissions.

In the undercard bouts, Jim Wiley, local lightie, won a six-round decision over Bobo Drago of Indianapolis. Don Smith, Cincy middle, kayoed Bob Smith of Kentucky in three; Eddie Burgin, 118, knocked out Weeper Brown in one and Johnny Vinegar won a four-round verdict over Ike Meadows, while in the opener Bob Jenkins won from Franky Williams in six.

At Dayton, Ohio, on November 14, Bert Lytell, 167½, from Fresno, California, knocked out Charley Doc Williams, 177¾, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten.

Mickey Kilcher, popular northern Kentucky sportsman and manager of Fitzie Fitzpatrick and other stars, has taken over the management of Bob Holliday, Cincinnati feather.

George "Sugar" Costner, Cincinnati welterweight contender for the world title, is confining most of his activities in Eastern rings and has a long winning streak.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots: Phil Cohen, a Cincinnati sportsman who claims ten fighters under his wing, is the latest manager to invade the ranks. . . . My weekly boxing letter (ten dollars per year) is making a hit with fight promoters, managers, commissions all over the country, as is Fight Flashes, my monthly sheet for one buck per year. . . . The 1950 Guide, the 12th consecutive year. I am releasing this pamphlet with 1100 names and addresses of promoters and managers, at one buck each. . . . Address all communications to this writer at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati. I'd like to hear from fighters unattached and also managers of good fighters who want local and national booking.

BINGHAMTON BOXING AND WRESTLING NEWS

By Joe Diehl

GORGEOUS GEORGE, who is billed variously as "the toast of the coast" and "that human orchid" shattered all existing box office records for wrestling in Binghamton on November 12 when he lured some 1200 fans into Kalurah Temple here. The crowd far exceeded the number of patrons attracted to six indoor boxing shows at the house this season. Old time Triple Cities fans couldn't recall another occasion when such a lavish sprinkling of female fans attended a sporting event in this area. Follow up cards with Steve Stanlee and Primo Carnera, however, failed to draw.

The Triple Cities A.C. resumed promotion on December 9 at the George F. Pavilion, Johnson City, with Pete Zaduck of Toronto, who fought the retired Billy Kilroy here last season opposing Billy Brown. As of now the Klimash Brothers plan to run in Johnson City every other Friday with a new group who recently purchased the Enjoy A.C. from Herb Nitke planning to operate Kilurah Temple on alternate Wednesdays. Nitke bowed out after a Thanksgiving Eve card in which he planned to pair Lee Sala with Ken Stribling of Washington came a cropper, when Stribling was not okayed by the New York State Athletic Commission for a main bout. Sala's manager, Bunny Buntag, refused to allow his charge to meet substitute Burl Charity, and pulled the highly regarded Donora, Pa., puncher off the card. The result was a house of about 700 fans, and another red ink bath for Nitke, who has dipped into nothing but red since last summer when a bout between Sala and Joey Taylor in Johnson Field drew an all-time Binghamton gate of $25,000.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

AFTER a nine months' layoff, Dynamite Joe Rindone, Roxbury's middleweight contender, who is making a good comeback, stopped LeRoy Brown of Hartford in the fifth round at Fall River. One week later at the Providence Auditorium, Joe won a ten-round fight from Mal Brown of Troy, N. Y. Rindone weighed 162½, and Mal Brown, 167½. It was a real tough fight.

Lewiston, Me.—Maurice LaChance, 139, Lisbon, outpointed Eddie Bolduc, 137, Sherbrooke, Canada, in eight.

Boston, Mass.—Professional boxers who may sustain injuries inside ring ropes, or in case a fatality occurs, as sometimes will happen, will receive a cloak of protection if the present well advanced plans of the New England Boxing Managers' Association in the interests of the sport are consummated. The expense of this insurance will be borne by the promoters and will apply only in such cases wherein the principal has passed the customary physical examination now generally required throughout this country.

New Bedford—Dave Shade, 134, Boston, outpointed Timothy Buddy Hayes, 129½, Boston (10). Kenny Isaacs, 140½, Lynn, outpointed Cesar Duarte, 144, New Bedford (6). In a four-round preliminary bout on the same card, Frankie Della Penna, 134, Boston, gave one of the finest boxing exhibitions seen in New Bedford in some time. His opponent, Frankie Norman, 135, Pawtucket, R. I., was a tough customer. Della Penna was given the unanimous decision. Here is a boy who is going places.

Worcester—Tommy Bell, Youngstown, O., 151, outpointed Hurley Sanders, 150, Newark, N. J. (10). George Curley Drouin, a good boxer and mixer, who is now residing in Boston, and weighing 132 pounds of dynamite, from Quebec, Canada, trounced Ray Dulmaine, 139, of Worcester, in the semi-final of eight rounds.

Tony Petronella, one of the most popular boxing commissioners in the country, was elected fifth vice-president of the National Boxing Association at the recent 29th annual convention of that international body at Havana, Cuba. It is predicted that within a very few years Tony will make the president's chair. President-elect Fred J. Saddy also reappointed the Providence man to the championship ratings committee. Petronella, who is now boxing commissioner in the state of Rhode Island, has come a long way. Here is hoping that Petronella will reach the top soon. One real boy who knows boxing from A to Z.

Fall River, Mass.—Harry Villeneuve, 157½, Providence, outpointed Cecil Hudson, 161, San Jose, Calif. (10). Jerry Drouin, 130, of Boston, a very good looking prospect, fought a draw with Billy Mays of Roxbury. It was a good fight. Another thriller saw Wallace Lane of Boston lose a split decision to Jimmy Lamprey of Worcester. Lane looks like he is going places.

Worcester, Mass.—Don Williams, 145½, of Worcester, outpointed Freddie Monforte, 137½, Brooklyn (8). Ray Dulmaine, 136½, Millbury, and Mario Rucci, 133, Worcester, fought to a six-round draw. Due to a cut eye, George Curley Drouin of Boston dropped a six-round decision to that tough boy from Providence, Art Smith.

On November 22, the Veteran Boxers' Association had a gala get-together night at 40 Hanover Street in Boston, Mass. Drawings for turkeys and other prizes, and entertainment featured. President Tansey Norton and Vice-President Benny Ford are going over in a big way to put this organization on top. Honey Boy Finnegan, Billy Myers, Jack McCarthy, Frankie Ryan and a few other boys are doing their bit. Among the club members who are also working for this outfit are:

Bucky Lewis, ex-featherweight from Boston, and a pretty good fighter in his day, and now running a tavern at 747 Washington Street, Boston, Mass. Al Blades, ex-lightweight star and president of the Barbers' Union in Boston. Kid Phippen, welterweight, superintendent of buildings in Newton, Mass. Jimmy Valentine, bantamweight, manager of Gateway Cafe, Kneeland Street, Boston. Eddie Shevlin, welter, truant officer for schools in East Boston. Honey Boy Finnegan and Red Chapman, two ex-featherweights, are now court officers in Suffolk County in Boston.

Billy Myers, one of the toughest boys who ever donned the mitts and fought as a lightweight, is now with the *Record-American* in the circulation department. Barney Snyder, ex-bantam and featherweight, is now with the School Committee in the city of Boston. Charlie Parker, ex-New England lightweight champ, is another boy with the circulation department of the Boston *Globe*.

Al Delmont, who was the uncrowned bantamweight champion, is also around and working for the veteran boxers. A great little fighter in his day, Delmont is also working at some of the race tracks in and around the New England States.

Jimmy Gardner, former welterweight contender, is working for the city of Boston as boss of the housing projects. South Boston Eddie Murphy, another boy who fought the best, also is working for the city of Boston.

Fall River—Roy Andrews, 134, Lowell, outpointed Clint Miller, 135, Elizabeth, N. J. (10). Johnny Wells, 150, Boston, outpointed Jackie Wilson, 149, Quincy (8).

Dynamite Joe Rindone, Boston middleweight contender, after a layoff of five months, looked very impressive by stopping Leon Brown of Hartford in the fifth round of a ten-round main bout at the Fall River Casino. Reuben Davis, 128½, Fall River, outpointed Joey Bolduc, 130, Lowell, in eight.

New Bedford—Roy Andrews, 137½, Lowell, knocked out Mal Evans, 130, New Bedford (4). Wilbur Wilson, 153½, Boston, outpointed Johnny Luz, 157½, New Bedford (8). Vic Young, 130, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Roland Gomes, 137, Fall River (5). Charlie Whipp, 136½, Fall River, outpointed Frankie Norman, 133, Pawtucket, R. I. (4).

Salem—Red Perkins, 140, of Lynn, outpointed Tommy Greb, 138, Boston (10).

New Bedford—Dom Saia, 131, Boston, outpointed Timothy Buddy Hayes, 128½, Boston (10). Frankie Ross, 155, Boston, outpointed Armand Valles, 160, New Bedford (6).

Lewiston, Me.—Maurice LaChance, 141, Lisbon, Me., kayoed Johnny Madison, 141½, Philadelphia (2). Johnny Peverada, 150, Portland, kayoed Bobby Brown, 147, Pittsfield (1). Paul Herrick, 124½, Portland, outpointed Bobby Brooks, 126, Worcester (6).

Joe Louis still hits hard. He threw every punch in his boxing repertoire at Johnny Shkor in the second and third rounds of their ten-round no-decision bout at the Boston Garden. Abel Cestac outpointed Billy Weinberg. Duilio Spagnola, Italian heavyweight champion, looked very impressive in winning an easy eight-round decision over John Kapovich. It was a good fight all the way, with Spagnola doing the forcing.

Ralph Regan of Medford knocked out Scootie Twyman in one. Tommy Collins outpointed Al Smith.

The best fight of the night was won by Tony DeMarco, Boston lightweight, who edged out Frankie Steele of Somerville. DeMarco looks as if he is headed for big times.

The writer would like to contact Gloria Thompson, world champion woman fighter.

Another boy from Manchester, N. H., who is winning and going places is Emil Jeans. He has won over Johnny Pringle, Ray Dulmaine and Paddy Regan.

New Bedford—Dave Shade, 137, Boston, K.O.'ed Frankie Fay, 143, New Bedford (8). Carter Holmes, 145½, Boston, outpointed Roy Lopes, 143, New Bedford (6).

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

FRANK ALMOND, Vancouver, 125¼, faced his stiffest test to date when he fought Joey Ortega, Portland, 131¾. Even with his greater experience, Ortega looked like the novice in this contest and absorbed a terrific lacing up to the time he was unable to appear for round seven.

Jeris Jamel, Vancouver, 170¾, and Bob Ford, 178¾, Portland, drew over the eight-round route in the bottom half of the double main. This was the wildest battle on the card with Jamel pecking and cutting at a much taller and heavier opponent. Ford carried the punch, but Jamel was the speedier and one offset the other.

Terry Forrest, Vancouver, 139½, still absorbing more punishment than necessary, K.O.'ed Mickey Gimmel, California, 140, in three. Jimmy Hadcock, Vancouver, 127½, scored a four-round decision over Larry Reagan, Portland, 126. Lyle Kehoe's professional debut ended in a draw with Lou Nunes, 147¼.

Jesse Fonseca was imported from El Paso, Texas, for Stan Almond's benefit and the result was a hard-fought duel over ten rounds, featuring heavy punching on both sides. Fonseca appeared to have the greater power as he kept boring in. Stan boxed better than he has for some time. It is the opinion of the writer that the battle of the scales played some part in the ultimate decision, as Stan came in at the contract weight of 118 pounds, with Fonseca 6¼ pounds over that weight.

The semi-windup was an ill-fated match. Pinky Cowan, Spokane, 140, appeared to be heading for a certain victory over Vancouver's Hal Robbins, 144¼, when an accidental head butt opened a cut over Cowan's left eye in the third round. Referee Hector MacDonald stopped the contest pending medical advice and wisely determined the fight a draw when the doctor turned thumbs down on continuation.

Terry Forrest, Vancouver, 138, and Red Garrison, Spokane, 141½, provided the thrill contest of the evening in a seesaw bout which had the fans on the edge of their seats throughout. Garrison emerged the victor after outlasting Forrest over the six rounds.

Ken McPhee, Vancouver, 131, in his professional debut, had little difficulty in disposing of Mel Clarke, Seattle, 124½, at 1:30 of the first. Roscoe Wright, Spokane, 141, K.O.'ed Waddell Woody, Seattle, 130, in the first.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

TED OLLA made it eleven straight since turning professional by knocking out Edgar Poe of Boston in 1:10 of the fifth round at the Dollar Top Club. Although Olla rocked Poe with potent rights to the jaw in the first and second rounds, the Bostonian evened up matters in the next two rounds and was moving out in front in the fifth when the Milwaukeean sent a terrific left to the mid-section which ended the fight. They both weighed 156.

In the six-round semi Jimmy White, 145½, Milwaukee, carried too many guns and outclassed Al Nedoff, 140, of Gary, Ind. Bill Salandich, 147½, Milwaukee, decisioned Dale La Bounty, 142½, of East Chicago in five rounds. In a comedy skit, Pete D'Amico, 128½, Milwaukee, got the nod over Ted Weems, 130, Chicago, in four rounds. Joe Smith, 156, Chicago, shaded Milton Enright, 149½, Milwaukee, in four. Promoter, Ernie Beisner. Referee, Milt Goldstein.

Bob Sandberg, blond southpaw from Rockford, scored a three-round knockout over Juste Fontaine as over 4000 fans cheered the victory. Fontaine doing most of the leading, ran into a powerful left in the second round that dumped him. He was down again just before the bell and was not too steady when he came out for the third round. Sandberg stalked him for the kill and nailed Fontaine with a left that sprawled him through the ropes. As he untangled himself to get back into the ring at eight, Referee Dauber Jaeger wisely stopped the bout. Time 1:17. Sandberg 135, Fontaine 137½.

Jennings Brotherton, 130, Huntington, W. Va., won a decision over Arthur Portley, 126, Milwaukee, six rounds. Referee, Milt Goldstein.

Bill Salandich, 148, Milwaukee, won a split decision over Tony Gunia, 146¼, Milwaukee, six rounds. Referee, Goldstein.

Cal Vernon, 172¾, Milwaukee, knocked out Ike Meadows, 169, Huntington, W. Va., in 1:50 of the first round. Referee, Jaeger.

Len Woods, 156½, Milwaukee, knocked out Frankie Robinson, 160, Lexington, Ky., in 2:20 of the first round. Referee, Goldstein.

The gross gate was $10,300.00.

Boxing lost another booster when ex-Governor Julius Heil died of a heart attack during a hunting trip in northern Wisconsin. Mr. Heil was one of the most colorful political figures Wisconsin ever had and very seldom missed a boxing match. Two history making events in Wisconsin boxing took place during his administration as governor from 1939 to 1943. One was the Pabst Beer boxing show at Milwaukee's lake front during the fraternal Order of Eagles' convention. The show headlined by Middleweight Champion Tony Zale and Billy Pryor was attended by over 135,000 persons. Jack Dempsey was the referee. It is the world attendance record for a professional boxing match. The other event under Mr. Heil's administration was the passage of the 15-round boxing law which permitted the featherweight championship fight between Petey Scalzo and Phil Zwick. Brother Billy promoted both shows. Mr. Heil at 73 was a young man and a great guy.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By Sam Porcelli

ROSS VIRGO, Rochester's sensational welterweight star, had his winning streak stopped by Lester Felton of Detroit before 8,118 fans, who paid $13,304.96. Virgo lost a heart-breaking decision to Felton in a great fight. Ross, after outpunching and outboxing Felton all the way, ran into right-hand punches that floored him three times.

Prior to the Felton fight, Virgo traveled to Miami and boxed two shows for Tommy DeTardo, winning over Charlie Salas and two weeks later beating Al Hersh in ten-round fights.

At this writing, both Rochester and Buffalo are fighting to stage the return Virgo vs. Felton bout. In Buffalo, Charlie Pinto, Fairview A. C., has made a bid for the match, or, if held in Rochester, Tony Farbo's Triton Boxing Club may land the match.

The Rochester Elks Club started their 15th year of amateur boxing and have run off four successful shows. Local amateur stars are Sad Sam Kelly, welterweight, and Ralph Carino, lightweight.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

IN THE feature ten-round bout held at Town Hall, Massina Sanna, Italian lightweight from Milan, thumped out a unanimous decision over Brooklyn's Freddie Monforte in the third indoor card of the season. Fast but light punchers, both left the ring unmarked. Most of the action was at close quarters, and Sanna letting go with both fists, seemed to have the better of the milling. Monforte, a rough, tough 19-year-old, turned out to be a hooking specialist. Most of his punches were warded off by Sanna, the hard-working Italian.

Judge Kenny West voted Sanna the winner, awarding the Italian gladiator six of the ten rounds. Judge Emil Kozel saw Sanna the winner in five rounds. He called two rounds even, and gave Monforte three heats. Judge Johnny Kelly marked his ballot five rounds for Sanna, four for Monforte and one even. At 136 pounds, Monforte held a one-pound edge over Massimo.

The six-round semi-final between Bobby Lloyd, Wilkes-Barre, and Nick Palermo, Brooklyn, finished in a surprise. Lloyd was the victim of a technical knockout in the fourth when he injured his knee and was unable to continue. Up until that time Palermo was absorbing a neat pasting. Lloyd, writhing in pain was carried to his corner. Lloyd hit the scales at 131 pounds, while Palermo came in at 138.

Matty Flynn, 152, Bellevue, put Joe Martin down for the final count in 2:34 of the second round of a scheduled six. Flynn used a left hook to the body and a right to the chin. Matty is unbeaten as a pro.

Scranton's white hope, Joe Coviello, a young 210-pounder, after a fast start, was slowed down to a walk and was lucky to gain a draw verdict with Mike Scatton, 180, Hazelton, in a four-rounder.

The opening four-rounder found Carl Stritt, South Side, 151, gaining the decision over Bobby Peck, 152, from Sunbury, Pa. Peck went to the floor in the first heat, and Stritt found himself in the same position in the second. Peck hit the canvas again in the third. All three officials voted for Stritt. There were about 900 payees in the house.

Wilkes-Barre—Mike Koballa, 147¾, of Pittsburgh, had to settle for a draw with Al Highers, 145½, Rome, N. Y.

Sonny Gennell, 156, Scranton, provided most of the night's highlights in decisioning Georgie Clark, 168, New York, in a savage six-rounder. Clark hit the deck three times, but he handed out as much punishment as he absorbed. The pair slugged it out most of the time and it was anybody's fight right up to the final bell.

Gil Williams, 153½, Syracuse, N. Y., finished fast to gain a split decision over Matty Flynn, 155, Scranton, in six.

Pete Martin, 167, Scranton, drove home a terrific punch to the stomach of Ken Frymire, 157, Williamsport, in the third round and the fight was over.

In the opening four-rounder, K. O. Slusser, 184, Berwick, gained a decision over Mike Scatton, 178, Hazelton.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND—With the end of another year we find that where last year Jersey had one champion, it was believed that both Jersey Joe Walcott and Gus Lesnevich would have a chance to bring us another title. However, both were turned back in bids for the heavyweight title by Ezzard Charles. No other Jersey fighter fought for a crown. So Ike Williams of Trenton is still our only title holder.

The best prospects are heavyweight Keene Simmons, Charley Norkus, light-heavyweight Harold Sampson, Roland Thompson, middleweight Jimmy Currello, welterweight Tony Amato, Birtie Loffa, lightweight Johnny Kamber.

At the Jersey City Gardens, Bernie Reynolds, 186, Cliffside Park, punched his way to victory over Art Henry, 182½, Brooklyn, in eight slow rounds. Bernie floored Art in the fifth. Mike DeCosmo, 150, Elizabeth southpaw, continued his comeback by K.O.'ing Roy Thomas, 154, New York City, in 2:18 of the third. Keene Simmons, 201, Bayonne prospect, beat Kid Mitchell, 197, Atlantic City, in six. Birdie Loffa, 148, Elizabeth, drew with Danny Mann, 151, Orange, in four, and Jimmy Russo, 134, Newark, outpointed Benito Pazzella, 136, Newark, in four.

Ernie Durando, 150, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Jimmy Mills, 150, New York, with a sharp right to the jaw in 2:37 of the second. Claude Hammond, 142, West New York, outpunched Jackie White, 138, Jamaica, L. I., in six. Louis Ortiz, 140, New York City, defeated Frankie Navedo, 144, Puerto Rico, in six. Harold Sampson, 172, Secaucus, K.O.'ed Rocky Sobb, 173, Lodi, in 23 seconds of the fourth. Frank Mandlin, 179, Cliffside Park, K.O.'ed Ike Welcome, 180, New York City, in one.

Atlantic City—Charley Williams, 146, Newark contender, won every round as he outboxed rugged George Hammond, 146, Riverside, in eight fast rounds. Austin Johnson, 191, Atlantic City, returned to action to outpunch Earl Matthews, 212, Philadelphia, in six. Irish Eddie Smith, 134, Philadelphia, stopped Joe Byrnes, 128, also from Philadelphia, in the second. Don Ryder, 111, Philadelphia, halted Tommy Chiorano, 110, Atlantic City, in two, and in a four-round exhibition retired heavyweight champ Joe Louis, 221, Detroit, boxed Bill Gilliam, 214, Newark. Bill was game but outclassed. The crowd was better than 3000.

At the Newark Armory, in an exhibition, Joe Louis, 228, Detroit, retired heavyweight champion, had his troubles with Joe Cheshul, 185, Bayonne, for four rounds, but in the fifth a left hook dropped Cheshul and cut his right eye, and from there to the end of the ten rounds it was all Louis. Johnny Kamber, 130, Livingston, K.O.'ed Bobby Nichols, 135, Jersey City, in one. Connie Ross, 197, Newark, K.O.'ed Pierce Patton, 180, Elizabeth, in two. Frank Gubas, 148, Paterson, K.O.'ed Bobby Noonan, 151, Newark, in four. Danny Mann, 152, Orange, floored Birdie Loffa, 145, Elizabeth, in the fourth to win a close decision. Rocky Russ, 132, Newark, outpunched Ernie Kelly, 135, Paterson, in four, and Ralph Giordano, 139, Newark, upset Artie Argenti, 137, Trenton, in four.

A crowd of better than 5,000 fans paid $15,200 to see Louis in his first Newark showing.

At the Laurel Garden, Newark, Roger Muriel, 154, Elizabeth, turned in the best win of his career when he outpointed George (Sonny) Horne, 163, Valley Stream, L. I., in ten fast rounds. The 21-year-old Elizabethan piled up a big lead in the early rounds by outboxing Sonny, who is a good boxer himself, but tired under a steady body attack and Horne won three of the last four rounds. Birdie Loffa, 147, Elizabeth, K.O.'ed Jimmy Ryan, 145, Union, in three. Connie Ryan, 197, Newark, K.O.'ed Henry Harris, 177, Paterson, in one. Danny Mann, 151, Orange, looked good in beating Frankie Gubas, 150, Paterson, in four. Don Layton, 159, Asbury Park, defeated Norman Wilson, 157, Elizabeth, in four, and Nick Sylvester, 183, Orange, made his pro debut by kayoing Stan Balsan, 172, Franklin, in two.

Charlie Williams, 148, Newark, had too much class for game Jimmy Taylor, 151, New York City, and won in eight rounds. Taylor forced the action most of the way, but was outboxed by Williams. Billy Corbett, 157, Rutherford, proved that he is going toward the top when he K.O.'ed Al Evans, 160, Montreal, in 2:51 of the third round. Frankie Foran, 147, Summit, stopped Freddy Pedriera, 142, Staten Island, in three. Willie Ragin, 167, Newark, stopped Lew Perez, 162, New York City, in five, and Jerry (Rocky) Russo, 131, Newark, drew with Kid Sharkey, 134, Elizabeth, in four.

Tony Janiro, 150½, Youngstown, O., showed flashes of his old self in easily outpointing Vic Costa, 160, New York, in eight fast rounds. Angel Martinez, 178, Newark, upset Charlie Babcock, 174, Bangor, Me., in six. Birdie Loffa, 144, Elizabeth, came off the floor to outpoint Stokes Thomas, 141, Newark, in six. Russ Walters, 177, Trenton, won from Jack LaBroad, 170, Newark, in four. Dickie Wilson, 142, Waldick, halted Benito Pazzella, 136, Newark, in four, and Packey O'Brien, 133, Glen Ridge, K.O.'ed Charley Venable, 130, Newark, in two.

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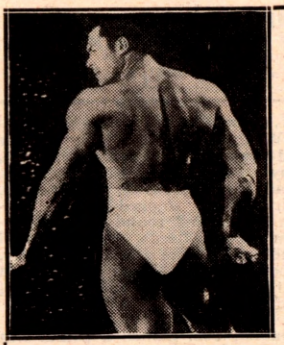
SPOKANE NEWS

By Jack Powers

THE curtain rang down on local boxing for the year at least, with the November 9th show, which featured Keith Nuttall, the classiest little fighting machine to hit the local fight scene in many a day. Giving pounds and inches, besides experience to the highly regarded Irish Bill Eddy of Flint, Mich., Nuttall handed the cagey veteran a pasting. He not only outfoxed Eddy but outpunched him and outfought him all the way to cop a unanimous ten-round decision.

Local fighters in action elsewhere this past month: Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane veteran, turned in his fifth K.O. win of the year at the expense of Billy Carter at Edmonton. Bolo Eddie Halligan battled to a draw with Ralph Helms at Salt Lake City and then dropped a ten-round split decision to light-heavyweight Doug Harper at Calgary. The upset of the month was Wilf Tuffy Dejardins' successful invasion of Salt Lake City, where he turned in a smashing knockout win over veteran Ernie Hunick in six heats. As we go to press Dejardins is slated to face Keith Nuttall at the Lake City.

Chuck Haines, local promoter, is reported to have turned in his license and at the moment no local action is indicated. All local fighters are working out daily at the Al Morse gym, and may be contacted through your writer. Address, 410 West Riverside Ave.



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FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

By Frank W. Carter

PRO boxing opened again here in Memphis with a bang-up show at the Memphis Municipal Auditorium under the auspices of the V.F.W., Leo Burson doing the promoting.

In the headliner of eight rounds, Sanford "Sambo" Barrom, promising local lightie, again gained a hard-fought but decisive win over Al Selby of Nashville, Tenn. "Sambo" now holds four wins over Selby with each encounter proving to be a Donnybrook. Both boys weighed in at 138.

Harold "Kayo" Spears, 142, of Memphis, really put the sleeper to Frankie Riley, 140, Humboldt, Tenn., in the first of a scheduled four-round curtain-raiser.

In a rather slow affair, Benny Smith, 143, Memphis, and Hank "Tiger" Jiles, 145, Jackson, Tenn., went for a draw in six.

Jimmy Muse, 144½, local boy, who has been showing in the Texas rings, returned home to chill Harry "Bull" Moss, 145, of Ackerman, Miss., in the fourth of a scheduled sixer. Plenty of action in this bout.

In the semi-final, "Grizzly" Gus Evans, 158, of Jackson, Tenn., ran out of gas in the third but managed to stay the full six with Frankie Smith, local fighter, 158, with Smith getting the well-deserved duke.

Billy Haack, Memphis' Grand Old Man of Boxing, appeared in the ring at intermission to say a few words to the crowd. Billy, now pushing 80, brought the best in the business to Memphis in his heyday as a promoter at the old Phoenix A.C. Ask any old-timer.

IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

By Clarence Pusheck

BILLY CELEBRON put on another good boxing show here during November. The gate was not too good, but a few more cards like that one, and the fans will come out.

Joe Salcone, Warren, O., decisioned Irish Bill Cobb of Chicago in four rounds. This bout nearly stole the show. Tony LaCassa, Chicago, beat Ernie Roos, Kokomo, Ind., in four rounds. Jimmy Cone, Kokomo, Ind., beat Joe Smith, Chicago, in six rounds.

Milton Scott, Gary, Ind., T.K.O.'ed Al Nedoff, Chicago, in the fifth. John LaBroi, 141, Chicago, K.O.'ed Moe Harvey, 131½, of Warren, O., in the fourth. This was the main event.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By John S. Sharpe

BOS MURPHY, New Zealand, 152½, knocked out Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 148, in the fourth round at Johnny Best's Stadium, Liverpool. Tommy Profitt, Manchester, 121, stopped Ken Diston, Hendon, 121¾, in the sixth. Wally Thom, Birkenhead, stopped Jesse Birtwhistle, Bolton, in the second round of a welterweight contest. Jim Moran, Leeds, won on a foul in the second round against Jim Barrett, Burnley, in a heavyweight bout. Gordon Neald, Bolton, won on a foul in the third round against Jim Alsop, Bangor, in a middleweight contest.

Bert Hyland, Dublin, 162, gained a points win over Albert Finch, Croydon, 162½, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Leyton. Cyril Evans, Welwyn Garden City, 136, knocked out Terry Mitchell, Jamaica, 136½, in the second round.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 152½, outpointed Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 152, over eight rounds at Jimmy Gough's promotion at Birmingham. Chris Kelly, Liverpool, 128¾, gained a narrow points decision over Jackie Lucraft, Islington, 127, after eight hectic rounds. Ric Sanders, Leicester, 149, knocked out Bob Burniston, Barry, 149¾, in the eighth and last round. Billy White, Birmingham, 151, knocked out Stan Burniston, Barry, 151¼, in the second round. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 131½, outpointed Harry Peacock, Bedworth, 134, in a spirited four-round bout.

Tragedy confronted the promoters, Jack and Arthur Green, in their show at the Leeds Town Hall. Pete Ray, the well-known Warrington boxing manager, was driving his car to the weigh-in at Leeds, in which his boxer, Jimmy Green, was due to meet Gus Foran, Liverpool. Pete Ray was killed outright and Jimmy Green was seriously injured. This caused a substitute to be brought in at the last minute to meet Foran. Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 131¾, was called upon to meet Foran, 118. The handicap of giving Dawson 13 pounds, was too much and the Sheffield lad won on points at the end of eight rounds. Ray Fitton, Manchester, 124½, who was supposed to travel with the fatal party, arrived by another car and told of the accident, broke down, but consented to go through with the match that his manager had arranged. Fitton put up a creditable performance to lose on points to Johnny Molloy, St. Helens, 127¾, over ten rounds. Emmett Kenny, Liverpool, 136¾, outpointed Ricky McCullough, Ireland, 135¼, over eight rounds. Charlie Fawcett, Leeds, 133¼, outpointed Joe Darley, Pontefract, 136, over six rounds. Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 136, outpointed Jim Brannan, Dewsbury, 138½, over six rounds. Vince Flynn, Leeds, 121¼, won his first professional contest when he outpointed Eric Chapman, Leeds, 122¾, over four rounds.

Geoff Harrison, Shirebrook, 139½, outpointed Billy Barton, Liverpool, 140, over eight rounds. Sammy Wilde, Nigeria, 158½, knocked out Bob Cleaver, the Borough, 155½, in the third round. Frank Johnson, Manchester, 126, stopped Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 124, in the sixth round. Jackie Ryder, Liverpool, 140, outpointed Ted Ansell, Jamaica, 139½, over eight rounds. Rees Moore, Luton, 144, stopped Johnny Hunt, Northampton, 142½, in the third round.

Billy Thompson, Hickleton Main, British lightweight champion, 137, knocked out Morry Jones, Liverpool, 136, in the second round at Bridlington. Jack Horseman, West Hartlepool, 122, outpointed Claude Flemming, Jamaica, over eight rounds. Eddie (Kid) Larty, Gold Coast, 129, drew with Johnny Molloy, Bootle, 129, over eight rounds.

Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 130¾, outpointed Black Bond, Jamaica, 128¾, over eight rounds at Walworth. Bill Dixon, West Ham, 138½, outpointed Harry McMurdie, Edgware, 140¾, in an exciting eight-round contest.

Freddie Smith, Sheffield, 138, outpointed Essie Reid, Jamaica, 141, over eight rounds at Middlesborough. Mike Tolan, Easington, 134, stopped Dennis Pratt, Thornaby, 130, in the second round. Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 166, outpointed Dennis Dorgan, Middlesborough, 168, over six rounds.

Cal Johnson, Jamaica, 146, fought eight rounds to a draw with Jesse Birtwhistle, Bolton, 150, at Blackburn. Jacky Socks, Chester, 146, outpointed Billy Taylor, Preston, 149½, over eight rounds. Johnny Cross, Horwich, 144, outpointed Phil Mellish, Stalybridge, 144, over eight rounds.

Frank Parkes, Nottingham, outpointed Dick Levers of Chesterfield in an eight-round lightweight contest at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Owen Johnson, Jackdale, 126, knocked out Tom Cummings, Leicester, 123½, in the eighth and last round.

Bobby Graham, Salford, 150, was declared the winner over Jack Humphries, Leeds, 148, at the end of the second round at Carlisle. Both boys were having a toe-to-toe slam when the bell went for the end of the round, and then Humphries let one go after the bell, for which he was disqualified. Geoff Turp, Barnsley, 146½, and Gordon Ashun, Bootle, 149, drew over eight rounds.

Earl Walls, Canada, 188¼, scored a sensational K.O. victory over Kurt Schiegl, Austria, 204½, in the first round at the Empress Hall, Earls Court. Walls has taken part in three contests in Great Britain, all terminating inside the distance. In his contest with Schiegl, he showed plenty of boxing brain, for although the contest had only lasted 1:27 of the first round, there was plenty of excitement for the 10,000 spectators.

Vern Escoe, Canada, 181½, outpointed Georges Rogiers, Belgium, 193½, over ten rounds. Joe Rood, Hackney, 160½, fought the best bout of his career to outpoint Freddie Webb, Belfast, 157, over ten rounds. Henry Carpenter, Peckham, 112, stopped Billy Barnes, Belfast, 115, in the fourth round, when the latter retired with a damaged hand. Morty Kelleher, Ireland, 127¾, and Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125, fought eight rounds to a draw. George Williams, West Ham, 137, outpointed Joe Corcoran, Huddersfield, 137½, over six rounds. Alf Hines, West Ham, 169, outpointed Ken Richardson, Retford, 172½, in six.

Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, 146½, and May Kalio, Gold Coast, 143½, fought eight rounds to a draw at West Ham. Richard Armagh, Gold Coast, 159½, outpointed Bert Sanders, Kilburn, 160½, over eight rounds. Eric McQuade, Downham, 152½, knocked out Don Dessborough, Slough, 150¼, in the second. Billy Ambrose, Stepney, 149½, stopped Pete Davis, Slough, 151½, in the fourth.

Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, outpointed Micky Forrester, West Ham, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Bermondsey. Arthur Gould, Woolwich, outpointed Peter Fay, Bournemouth, in an eight-rounder.

The two main bouts at the Stadium, Liverpool, ended in disqualifications. Bert Hornby, Bolton, 136½, was declared the winner over Ivor "Kid" Germain, Barbados, 136¾, in the third round on a foul. In the second bout Jim Healy, Manchester, 128, was declared the winner on a foul over Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, 128, in the fourth round. I think it is about time that the British Boxing Board of Control should give the no-foul rule a trial.

Tommy Higgins, Hanley, stopped Tommy Madden, Bradford, in the fourth round of a featherweight bout. Ernie Ormrod, Liverpool, was knocked out by Bobby Mason, Liverpool, in the fourth round of a bantamweight contest. Tim McLeary, Wrexham, knocked out George Stewart, Liverpool, in the first round of a featherweight contest.

Bobby Boland, Dundee, stopped Max Brady, Belfast, in the fourth round at Blackpool. Terry Riley, Liverpool, drew with Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, over eight rounds. Johnny Walsh, Bolton, stopped Jimmy Burns, St. Helens, in the third round. Ken Regan, Blackpool, knocked out Harry Lewis, Bradford, in the fifth round. Eric Billington, Goldborne, won on points from Arthur Massey, Manchester, over six rounds.

Reg Andrews, the Deal heavyweight, outpointed Johnny Morkus, Bethnal Green, over eight rounds at Herne Bay. Jimmy Ridgewell, Ashford, outpointed Eddie Webb, South Africa, over six rounds. Ivor Mitchell, Chatham, won on points at the end of six rounds against Billy Clarke, Bow. Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, outpointed Harry Shannon, Chatham, over six rounds.

Claude Dennington, Peckham, outpointed George Daly, Blackfriars, over eight rounds at Leyton. Dick Langley, Peckham, stopped Joe Sands, Hull, in the fifth round.

George Casson, North Shields, stopped Jackie Jones, Bolton, in the seventh round at Newcastle. Bill Rattray, Dundee, outpointed Roy Davies, Spratton, over eight rounds. Dennis Yearby, Leeds, stopped Wilf Fox, Darlington, in the first round.

Willie Myles, Dundee, outpointed Billy Daniels, Stepney, in an eight-round bantamweight contest at Preston. Bernard Watson, Preston, outpointed Les Johnson, Manchester, over eight rounds. Sammy Burgoyne, Birmingham, outpointed Billy Watt, Liverpool, over eight rounds. Ernie Comley, Birmingham, defeated Eddie O'Connor, Ashton-under-Lyne, in the third round on a disqualification. Ronnie Sinclair, Preston, outpointed Jimmy Fox, Bolton, over six rounds.

Des Garrod, Paddington, and Johnny Carrington, Leicester, fought eight rounds to a draw at Walworth. Henry Carpenter, Peckham, outpointed Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, in an eight-round flyweight contest. George Williams, West Ham, stopped Joe Rock, Islington, in the fifth round of a lightweight contest.

Albert Bessell, Bristol, outpointed Ivor Davies, Neath, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Weston-Super-Mare. Ron Jones, Pennycraig, defeated Sammy Reynolds, Weston-Super-Mare, in the first round when the latter was disqualified. Roy Coote, Falmouth, outpointed Jackie Ryder, Liverpool, over eight rounds.

Jack Gardner, Market Harborough, 203¼, gained a narrow points decision over Stephane Olek, France, 186½, over eight rounds before a crowd of 9,000 at the Gramby Halls, Leicester. Don Cockell, Battersea, 179¾, gained a decision over Don Mogard, Canada, 186, in eight rounds. Billy Coloulias, New Zealand, 161, outpointed Alby Hollister, Islington, 162, over eight. Roy Wouters, Canada, 161¼, defeated Bos Murphy, New Zealand, 153, in the third round, the latter being disqualified for an alleged low blow. Maurice White, Hendon, 157¼, split the decision with Ron Bebbington, West Ham, 156, after eight rounds. Jeff Tite, Spratton, 148¼, gained a decision over Jack Coles, Wales, 149¼, in eight rounds. Peter Morrison, Hull, 119, outpointed Ronnie Bissell, Rotherham, 120, over eight rounds.

Gwyn Williams, Pontycymmer, 146, scored a K.O. victory in the fifth round against the Swansea southpaw, Cliff Curvis, 146¼, at Abergavenny. Dai Davies, Skeween, 126, gained a decision over Selwyn Evans, Newbridge, 126, after ten rounds. Kofi Kiteman, Gold Coast, 161, stopped Ken Rowlands, Luton, 161, in the third round. Willie Jones, Swansea, 143½, outpointed Jack Badland, Blaenavon, 147, in a six-round contest. Terry Fear, Pontypool, 156, stopped Eric Thomas, Cwmturch, 158, in the second round. Benny Rees, Pontardawe, 127, outpointed Denzil Trewartha, Merthyr, 126, over six rounds.

The Watford Town Hall was filled to capacity when the four brothers Buxton, all locals, fought on the same card, and all came through with flying colors. Alex Buxton, 158, knocked out Des Jones, Tredegar, 159¾, in the fourth round. Laurie Buxton, 137¾, stopped Reg Quinlan, Ammanford, 135, in the third round. Allan Buxton, 142½, stopped Bobby Baines, Harrow, 147¾, in the third round. Joe Buxton, 168½, outpointed Johnny McMurdie of Edgware, 165¾, over four rounds. Harry Droy, Islington, 127, knocked out Aubrey Belsen, Peterborough, 123½, in the third round.

Bill Jackson, Jamaica, 158¾, with a reach of 82 inches, scored a first-round knockout victory over Ollie Williams, West Ham, 160, at Poplar. Stan Salter, Deptford, 125¼, outpointed Billy Daniels, Bow, 120, over eight rounds.

Dick Turpin, British middleweight champion, stopped George Ross, Canada, in the seventh round at Birmingham. Ross received a badly cut eye, which forced the referee to call a halt. Jimmy Carroll, Stockport, 175½, stopped Dennis Powell, Four Crosses, 177¾, in the seventh round. The latter received a badly cut eye. Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, 127¾, outpointed Jim Healey, Manchester, 128, over eight rounds. Derek Alexander, Willenhall, 177¼, knocked out Sammy O'Dare, Hackney, 195¾, in the fourth round.

Jock Bonas, Edinburgh, stopped Danny Nagle, Ireland, in the second round at Edinburgh. Jimmy Murray, Ireland, outpointed Jim Dwyer, Glasgow, over eight rounds. Vernon Solas, Jamaica, outpointed Mick Day, Glasgow, over eight rounds. Pat Cahill, Dundee, knocked out Bobby Durnan, Glasgow, in the fifth round.

Les Allen, Leicester, 152, outpointed Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, 157, over eight rounds at West Ham. Jimmy Webster, West Ham, 120, outpointed Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, 119½, over eight rounds. Kay Kalio, Gold Coast, 145, stopped Al Riches, Luton, 145, in the sixth round. Micky Jones, Southend, 124½, outpointed Tony Darnell, Islington, 122, over six rounds.

Algar Smith, Stoke Newington, stopped Billy Caldicott, Dover, in the fifth round at Kings Cross. Mac Jochim, India, knocked out Johnny Morgan, Wales, in the second round of a middleweight contest. Harry Droy, Islington, outpointed Johnny O'Gara, Aylesham, over six rounds of a featherweight bout. Micky O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, the youngest of the O'Sullivan clan, making his debut as a professional, knocked out Joe Parker, Edgware, in the first round of a bantamweight contest.

Norman Tennant, Dundee, and Jackie Briers, Belfast, fought 10 rounds to a draw at the Caird Hall, Dundee. Bobby Boland, Dundee, outpointed Eddie McCormack, Deal, over eight rounds. Bert Gallagher, Dundee, knocked out Douglas Myles, Dundee, in the second round. Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, outpointed Peter Guichan, Dunfermline, over eight rounds.

Billy Exley, Newcastle, 148½, outpointed Jimmy Molloy of Liverpool, 146½, in the feature bout of ten rounds at Johnny Best's Stadium.

Liverpool—Bruce Crawford, Thornaby, 160, outpointed Tom Meli, Belfast, 159, over eight rounds. Freddie Leyland, St. Helens, won on points from Phil Mellish, Stalybridge, in an eight-round welterweight contest. Jim Alsop, Bangor, outpointed George Day, Hull, over six rounds of a middleweight bout. Steve Walsh, Liverpool, knocked out Ronnie Sinclair, Preston, in the first round of a featherweight bout.

Jim Kenny, 127½, Polmont, knocked out Frank Kelly, Liverpool, 126¼, in the first round, which only lasted 25 seconds, including the count. This was the feature bout of the card staged at Waverley Market, Edinburgh.

Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, 137, outpointed Bert Hornby, Bolton, 127½, over eight rounds. Sammy

Wilde, Nigeria, 161¾, outpointed Jackie Brown, Doncaster, 163, in an eight-round bout.

Tom Bailey, Liverpool, 127, scored a clear points win over Jim McCann, Belfast, 126½, in a ten-round contest at the Tower Circus, Blackpool. Les Rendle, Hull, 139, and Billy Barton, Liverpool, 140, were evenly matched in everything, for they put up a hectic bout over eight rounds which resulted in a split verdict. Tommy Blears, Atherton, 128, knocked out Bernard Fairbanks, Hanley, 128, in the fifth round.

Micky Flanagan, Liverpool, 135¾, gave a boxing lesson to Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 135¼, over six rounds at Leeds. Charlie Fawcett, Leeds, 131¾, stopped Harold Palmer, Doncaster, 138½, in the fourth.

Sam Burgoyne, Birmingham, 154, outpointed Willie Watts, Liverpool, 159, over eight rounds at Derby. Tommy Kelly, Derby, 138, knocked out Wal Burgoyne, Birmingham, 144, in the third round. Tommy Madden, Bradford, 134, stopped Ron Nelson, Chesterfield, 130, in the fifth round.

Gerry McDermott, Dublin, stopped George Dawson, Wales, in the fourth round of a heavyweight bout at Cheltenham. Tommy Bramble, High Wycombe, drew with Albert Sanderson, Northampton, over six rounds. Gordon Hazell, Bristol, stopped George Smith, Stokenchurch, in the second round of a middleweight bout. Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 127½, was knocked out in the sixth round by Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125.

Jimmy Murray, Ireland, 129, outpointed Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 129, over eight rounds at Walworth. Arthur Gould, Woolwich, 125, was too experienced for Sean Murphy, Ireland, 120, and won on points at the end of eight rounds. Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, 128¾, stopped Len Shaw, the Sheffield southpaw, 124, in the second round. Ron Croad, Hammersmith, 164¼, outpointed Len Williams, Wood Green, 174¾, over six rounds. Johnny Lewis, Blackfriars, 138, did a workmanlike job when he knocked out Alf Morgan, Islington, 136, in the second round.

Jim Hayes, Leeds, gained a narrow points decision over Joe "Boy" Collins, Dublin, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Birmingham. Les Voyce, Birmingham, and Sammy Sharpe, Derby, fought six punishing rounds to a draw in a welterweight bout. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, outpointed Johnny Britton, Tipton, over four rounds of a lightweight contest.

Bert Sanders, Kilburn, 158¼, gave a boxing lesson to the young Hackney middleweight, Joe Rood, 161¼, over eight rounds at Leyton. Rood took four counts and was well behind at the ened of the bout. Arthur Fricker, Islington, 152, stopped Danny Cunningham, Scotland, 148, in the fifth round. Danny Sewell, Tottenham, 184¼, outpointed Les Pam, Hackney, 193½, over four rounds.

Eddie "Kid" Larty, Gold Coast, 132½, knocked out Jack Collins, Manchester, 134, in the third round at Salford. Johnny Duckworth, St. Helens, 124, outpointed Tommy Burns, Bury, 126, over six rounds.

Frank Bell, Barnoldswick, 200, knocked out Maxwell Ijeh, Nigeria, 185, in the first round at Blackburn. Vince Marshall, Manchester, 134, outpointed Johnny Walsh, Bolton, 135½, over six rounds.

Des Garrod, Paddington, 135½, gained a points decision over Ritchie McCulloch, Ireland, 137, after eight hectic rounds at Paddington. Billy Humphries, Paddington, 143, won a close points decision over Tommy Hinson, West Ham, 145, at the end of eight rounds.

Former lightweight champion of the amateurs in 1948, Ron Cooper, 127¼, in his third professional contest, gave an impressive display when he forced the referee to stop the contest in his favor in the last of a six-round contest against the experienced Ronnie Burr, Wandsworth, 123, at West Ham. Richard Armagh, West Africa, 159½, outpointed Doug Mansfield, Derby, 162½, over eight rounds. Eric McQuade, Downhall, 150¼, knocked out Bob Frost, West Ham, 146¼, in the seventh round. Jock Bonas, Edinburgh, 128½, outpointed Al Young, Jamaica, 131¼, over eight rounds.

Jim Murray, Ireland, 126½, having his second contest in two days, gained a points decision over Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 125, after seven rounds at Watford. The reason for seven rounds was because the B.B.B.C. regulations state that a boxer must not take part in a contest of 24 minutes duration inside of four days. Rees Moore, Luton, 147½, knocked out Bobby Baines, Wealdstone, in the second round.

Bert Gilroy, Coatbridge, 188¼, stopped Matt Hardy, Doncaster, 188¾, in the fifth round at Edinburgh. George Roberts, London, 147¾, stopped Ginger Scott, Edinburgh, 140½, in the second round. Vernon Solas, Jamaica, 125, outpointed Con Bailey, York, 128¾, in a six-round contest. Pat Cahill, Dundee, 124¾, outpointed Benny Lacy, Glasgow, 121¾, over six rounds.

Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 130, outpointed Jackie Horseman, West Hartlepool, 127, over eight rounds at East Hull. Arthur Raybould, Featherstone, 160, fought a draw with Ron Hodgson, Doncaster, 159, over eight rounds. Albert Rendle, Hull, 158, knocked out Ernest Whitely, Doncaster, 163, in the sixth round.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 155, made a great impression at the Stadium, Liverpool, when he stopped the Northern Ireland middleweight champ, Freddie Webb, Belfast, 157, in the third round. Terry Riley, Liverpool, 129, stopped Peter Guichan, Dunfermline, 127, in the sixth round. Wally Thom, Birkenhead, 151, stopped Phil Mellish, Stalybridge, 146, in the fifth round. Harry Stirling, Liverpool, 130, knocked out Ron Bates, Haydock, 130, in the third round. Bobby Mason, Liverpool, 121, outpointed Roy Thomas, Liverpool, 119, over six rounds. Billy Gray, Liverpool, 136, stopped Joe Gallagher, Liverpool, 138, in the first round.

Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, 126¼, gained a points decision over Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, 126½, at the end of ten rounds at Blackpool. Tommy Proffitt, Manchester, 119, stopped Jackie Sutton, Cardiff, 119, in the fifth round. Steve Walsh, Liverpool, 127, stopped Jackie Ryan, Blackpool, 127¾, in the second round. Ken Regan, Blackpool, 130, won on points after six rounds against George Stewart, Liverpool, 132. Johnny Reeves, Manchester, 147, stopped Roy Free, St. Helens, 144, in the third round.

Albert Finch, Croydon, 163¾, gained a clear-cut points decision over the Belgian middleweight, Albert Heyen, 158½, at the end of ten rounds at the Davis Theatre, Croydon. Ron Pudney, Croydon, 160¼, stopped Harry Davis, Bethnal Green, in the fourth round. Pat Stribling, Croydon, 175, outpointed Tommy Caswell, Bermondsey, 168, over eight rounds of a cruiserweight contest. Eric McQuade, Downham, stopped Pete Davis, Slough, in the second round.

Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, stopped Ben Duffy, Jarrow, in the second round at Walworth. George Williams, West Ham, outpointed Norrie O'Brien, Dundee, over six rounds. Henry Simmons, Clapton, Jack Solomons' office boy, gained another win when he stopped Dillon Smith, India, in the third round of a featherweight contest.

Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, outpointed Ron Crogan, Paddington, over eight rounds. At Leyton Claude Dennington, Peckham, and Laurie Buxton, Watford, split the decision over eight rounds. Bill Dixon, West Ham, won on points from Dave Parker, Doncaster, after eight rounds.

Johnny McGowan, Wakefield, 170½, gained a points decision over Jackie Marr, Australia, 174½, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Newcastle. Terry Cullen, Shotton, stopped Wilf Bone, Jarrow, in the fifth round.

Ron Bebbington, West Ham, 152¼, outpointed Mac Jochim, India, 160½, over eight rounds of a middleweight contest at Oxford. Eric Thomas, Wales, outpointed Ivor Mitchell, Chatham, over six rounds. Charlie Wisdom, Peckham, outpointed Billy Marlow, Battersea, over six rounds. Billy Salter, Deptford, drew with Johnny O'Gara, Aylesham, over six rounds.

Charlie Collett, Hemel Hempstead, knocked out Johnny Morkus, Bethnal Green, in the first round of a heavyweight contest at Tottenham. Len Williams, Wood Green, outpointed Joe Williams, Edmonton, in a six-round cruiserweight contest. George Barrett, Bermondsey, knocked out Ben Bowden, Cricklewood, in the first round of a heavyweight contest. Peter Glen, Tottenham, knocked out Tommy McGoldrick, Dumfries, in the third round of a middleweight contest. Maurice White, Dartford, knocked out Peter James, Dagenham, in the first round.

Johnny Carrington, Nottingham, outpointed Teddy Larkham, Isleworth, over eight rounds of a lightweight contest at Rushden. Black Bond, Jamaica, and Danny Nagle, Ireland, fought eight rounds to a draw.

In a 15-round contest Eddie Thomas of Wales outpointed Henry Hall of Sheffield and relieved the latter of his British welterweight title at the Harringay Arena, London.

The contest proved dull, uninspiring and completely lacking in championship calibre, and I think the most charitable act would be to cease reporting on the bout and merely mention that it is now Eddie Thomas of Wales who stands as monarch of the British welterweights.

In the chief supporting bout, Randolph Turpin of Leamington-Spa, 160½, surely one of the hardest-hitting middleweights, took only four rounds to dispose of the Arkansas Rock, Pete Mead, 159½.

Mead retired with a damaged rib after absorbing severe punishment as long as the bout lasted.

Later in his dressing room, the American lad, who has been a popular performer here, announced his retirement from future ring combat in words which might stand as a lesson to many a fighter, "Guys are hitting me now, when once they'd have missed me, and I can't seem to hit them back as hard as once I could. Guess it's time I quit." Sound thinking, Mr. Mead.

Danny O'Sullivan of Finsbury Park, 119¼, scored a one-round kayo win over another of the imported unknowns, of whom the British public are beginning to be a little tired. This one, Michel Verhamme, 118¾, was introduced as bantamweight champion of Belgium, but only one of the scheduled eight rounds was needed to rock Verhamme to dreamland.

Solly Cantor of Canada, 135, and Kid Dussart, European lightweight champion, 137½, fought eight fierce rounds to a disputed draw. There were some present who favored Cantor, while some others thought Dussart merited the nod. That seems dispute enough.

Eddie Vann of Shoeburyness took one punch to account for George Stern of Manchester, kayoing his opponent but good in 12 seconds of the first round, including the count. This is a new record for British rings, and almost a new world's record for fast kayoes.

Al Wilburn of Hickleton Main, substituting for Algar Smith of Stoke Newington, who had a severe cold, was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest for an alleged low blow, and left his opponent Ernie Thompson of Nuneaton the victor.

Pierce Ellis, Manchester, 126½, knocked out Jim Hayes, Leeds, 122½, in the first round at Salford. Jimmy Bird, Stretford, 127, knocked out Johnny Meehan, Leeds, 125, in the first round.

Billy Carroll, Doncaster, gained a narrow points win over Billy Clarke, Bow, after eight rounds at Hanley. Denny Dawson, Sheffield, stopped Art Sykes, Derby, in the third round. Johnny Murray, Ireland, outpointed Tommy Higgins, Hanley, over six rounds. Doug Gratton, Darby, stopped Jimmy Martin, Sheffield, in the fourth round.

Johnny Boyd, Peterborough, 161, defeated Billy Coloulias, New Zealand, 159½, in the third round when the latter was ruled out for a low blow at Willenhall. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 131½, won on points from Hughie Mackie, Oldbury, 130½, over six rounds. Johnny McLoran, Birmingham, 142, outpointed Eric Skidmore, Wednesbury, 144, in a six-round contest.

Les Rendle, Hull, 138¾, stopped Billy Crane, South Elmsall, 139½, in the fifth round at Hull. Johnny Borrill, Hull, 137, won on points over Ken Morris, Bradford, 149, at the end of six rounds. Bert Williamson, Nottingham, 158, outpointed Sammy Reed, Hull, 164, over six rounds.

Johnny Smith, Clydebank, 141½, outpointed Jack Humphries, Leeds, 143, over eight rounds at Edinburgh. Jim Burgess, Leeds, 150, outpointed George Roberts, London, 148½, over eight rounds. Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 135¾, knocked out Clyde Fleming, Jamaica, 136, in the second round.

Al Marson, Stepney, 176, outpointed Matt Hardy, Doncaster, 182, over eight rounds at Bournemouth. Peter Fay, Bournemouth, 119, and Tommy Bramble, High Wycombe, 117, fought eight rounds to a draw.

Warren Kendall, Tonyrefail, 134, lost his Welsh lightweight title to Red Quinlan, Ammanford, 135, at Hereford, in 1:15 of the first round, without striking a blow. As they came from their corners Quinlan shot a right to Kendall's jaw that put him down for a count of four. After that he was down again for five, and on rising was so distressed that the referee wisely stopped the contest in favor of Quinlan. Albert Southall, Walsall, 157, outpointed Willie Watts, Liverpool, 159, over eight rounds.

Teddy Lee, Islington, 151, returned to winning form when he stopped Bert Buxton, Norwich, 144½, in the first round at Kings Cross. Cyril Evans, Welwyn Garden City, 135, stopped Billy Caldicott, Dover, 135¾, in the third round. Tommy Kelly, Derby, 135¾, outpointed George Thresher, Edmonton, 135¼, over eight rounds.

Bobby Boland, Dundee, 120, defeated Gus Foran, Liverpool, 119½, in the fourth round at the Stadium Liverpool, when the latter was ruled out for an alleged low delivery. Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, 128, outpointed Jimmy Healey, Manchester, 128½, over eight rounds. Bobby Mason, Liverpool, 121, kept his unbeaten certificate when he outpointed Peter Morrison, Hull, 122, over eight rounds. Jim Alsop, Bangor, 163, outpointed Sammy Reid, Hull, 163, over six rounds. Tim McNeary, Wrexham, 133, outpointed Jim Duffy, Manchester, 134, over six rounds.

Ray Famechon, France, successfully defended his European featherweight title when he outpointed Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, British featherweight champion, over 15 rounds at Belle Vue, Manchester. Clayton fought a great battle for the first half of the battle, but the Frenchman lasted the distance better and was a clear winner. Allan Tanner, British Guiana, 133½, knocked out Jim Findlay, Motherwell, 136¾, in 54 seconds of the first round. Earl Walls, Canada, 190¾, made short work of Albert Coulbaly, French Colonial, 186½, who was knocked out before he was able to land a punch in the first round. Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 145, outpointed Bobby Graham, Salford, 146½, over six rounds. Vince Marshall, Manchester, 134, outpointed Terry Riley, Liverpool, 131¾, over six rounds. Frank Bell, Barnoldswick, 199½, stopped George Nuttall, Stockport, 186, in the second round.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP
By Charley Parrish

RESULTS for the month read as follows: Geneva, Switzerland—Leon Nowiasz, rugged Franco-Polish middleweight, scored a points win over veteran Kid Marcel.

At the Central in Paris, young Guy Bruneau stopped Kilany in the second, feathers; Gilbert Ussin whipped Jacques Billy, welters. At the Salle Wagram, Paris, Georges Royers stopped Chatenet in the fifth, middles, whilst the promising North African lightie, Ben Miloud, showed his punch by stopping Paul Renucci in the ninth. A good Czech lightweight, Vic Valachovic, forced Jullien to retire in the sixth.

Jan Sneyers, Belgian flyweight champ, whipped the bantam kingpin, Michel Verhamme, in a non-title affair at Ghent.

Carlo Mola, Italian welter, scored a points win over Luigi Valentini at Turin.

The French feathers champ, Georges Mousse, appeared on the first bill at the Grange-aux-Belles—Etienne Siry's new venture. Mousse beat Piero Scardino of Italy, on points.

Theo Medina, in his bout with Louis Skena for the bantam title held by Medina, dropped his man for nine with a left hook, then followed with another of the same pattern which finished the fight.

Omar Kouidri, the veteran Algerian welter, whipped Jean Bechard on points at Setif, Algeria.

Kid Marcel trotted out a neat points win over Serge Berthelemy, of Guadeloupe, at the Salle Wagram. On the same bill, middleweight Jo Vincenzi lost to Carrara, and lightie Andre Lefin flattened the Spaniard, Roberto Ruiz, in the first.

At Strasbourg, Emile Bentz won over Georges Vartanian, lightheavies, and Carelli stopped Tony Murri in the seventh, also lightheavies.

Kurt Schiegl upset Danish fans in Copenhagen when he forced Carl Nielsen, rugged heavy, to retire in the seventh round with two cracked ribs. Two weeks later Schiegl was stopped by Earl Walls in one round in London.

Other bouts on the Schiegl-Nielsen bill were: Svend Aa Christensen won over Italian Bernard Pacini, lightheavies; Christian Christensen beat Areski Boina, welters; Svend Wad won his lightweight bout wth Austrian Karl Marchart.

At Geneva, Caliostro Etter, the Swiss bantam, returned to ring warfare with a points win over Armand Deianna, France.

At Le Havre, Walter Momber, local welter, whipped Menozzi over ten.

Aaron Wilson, the American Negro heavy who won the heavy comp at Brussels last year, reappeared in Paris at the Mutualite, where he chilled Paco Bueno, the horizontal Spaniard, in six. Jo Roude, French lightheavy, stopped another Spaniard, Luis Sierra, in three, and middle Ben Allem won over Maurice Cieutat.

Viktor Liwowski became the new German bantam king when the holder, Hans Schoemig, was disqualified in the twelfth round of their bout in Munich. Leo Starosch, now fighting as a middle, iced Willi Franke in two, and Oechsle and Garz drew in their welter clash.

At Erlangen, German flyweight champ, Willy Farber, won over Dietrich and middles champion, Hans Stretz, beat Kruechten. Also in Germany, same day, Peter Mueller stopped Jo Neff in five at Cologne, whilst at Dortmund, Rudi Pepper beat Raadschelders over ten, middles, and Heinz Neuhaus, new heavy threat, stopped Oskar Biesold in five.

Michaele Palermo, the Old Lion of Naples, turned in a grand performance by stopping Pino Facchi in ten rounds in Naples. Palermo will now meet Carlo Mola for the Italian welter title, vacated by Fernando Janilli, who has now joined the middleweight ranks. Carlo Mola himself chalked up a win the following day, in Brussels, where he beat Pierre Mougin on points.

Cyrille Delannoit came back to boxing with a bang when he outpointed the rugged French champion, Jean Stock, on points in Brussels. The Belgian took the earlier rounds but Stock came in with his powerhouse rights in the fifth, which would have dropped most other opponents. By the end of the ten rounds, however, the Belgian Tarzan had proved his superiority.

On the same bill, Edgard Delannoit, a good lightie, stopped Vertongen in the second, whilst Gilbert Stock won over young Albert Heyen in another middles clash.

Conny Rux, the blond German lightheavy, stopped the clock in Berlin with a brilliant eight-round kayo over Dieter Hucks. Peter Mueller stopped Erich Puhlmann in two, and lightweight Hans Haefner beat Damke over eight. In Aachen, heavyweight Jean Kreitz stopped Helmuth Janke in seven.

Honore Pratesi, French flyweight champ, beat Charles Bobhot in Casablanca on points. At the Paris Mutualite, Henri Hecquard whipped Maurice Ouezman, welters, and Ben Khalfi won over Croini, lightweights.

Ray Famechon, who stands alone among Continental feathers, confirmed his superiority by beating Jean Mougin on points at the Palais des Sports. Famechon is due to meet Willie Pep shortly. Luc Krawczyk, the rugged Polish middle, stopped Spain's Antonio Soldevilla, who surrendered in the seventh, and Luis Fernandez stopped Belgian bantam king, Michel Verhamme, also in seven. Valere Benedetto won on points over Pierre Le Mentec, welters.

In Alexandria, the Egyptian middle, Shafik Gubrial, beat Widmer Milandri, of Italy, on points.

At Rotterdam, Jan De Bruin made a comeback when he stopped the French middle, Victor Bonneau, in seven rounds. On the same bill, Theun Brommer beat Ali Amrane and Fritz van Kempen scored over Mohamed Kourane, both bouts being welter. Van Kempen and Brommer are fast improving under the eye of Theo Huizenaar, leading Dutch promoter, who also handles De Bruin and Job Roos.

At the Wagram, Paris, Ben Miloud scored another impressive win by beating tough Franck Hermal, whilst Roger Bruneau whipped Rapicano, feathers.

Charles Humetz, France's No. 1 welter prospect, topped the bill at Lens; birthplace of Carpentier, where the idol of Flanders added another victim to his list by trouncing Jean Bechard. Jacques Royer-Crecy, middles hope, flattened Emile Godart in two heats.

Luis Romero, Spain's new European bantam king, took the ring at Barcelona to meet Amleto Falcinelli for the second time. Romero failed to beat the fast and elusive Italian before the limit, but ran off with a points win.

At Copenhagen's KB Hall lightweight Jorgen Johansen iced Gustave Perrot in seven rounds, and fellow-Dane, Asger Warburg, won over Francis Bonnardel, featherweights. Leonard Riva, a French heavy unbeaten to date, knocked out Knud Christoffersen in the second round. Georges Royer of France won over Martin Hansen in their middles tangle.

Jean Archambaud beat Julien Degryse in a feathers scrap at Lens, whilst the Italian middle, Billy Poli, beat experienced Gus Degouve on points in Geneva.

Heinz Neuhaus knocked out Sapion in one round at Essen, heavies, and Leo Starosch chilled Profittlich in the third.

Flyweight Emile Famechon, recently returned from Australia, forced Hannes Schneiders, the Dutch champion, to retire in the seventh.

At the Mutualite, Paris, Maurice Sandeyron returned to action with a points win over Timo Cardinale. Middleweight Ben Allem retired in the third against Marcel Garcia of Spain.

Leon Nowiasz beat Gaston Chambraud, middles, at Henin-Lietard, France. Houacine Khalfi, lightie, drew with Louis Atta at Aulnoye, France.

Lightweight Ben Miloud stopped Roger Hombert in their bout at Troyes, France, Hombert retiring in the sixth.

In Germany, Leo Starosch outpointed Streicher in an eight-rounder at Gelsenkirchen.

The Brussels welter competition saw many of the young stars score convincing wins. Constant Reypens, the youthful Belgian champ, forced veteran Fernand Demeyer to retire in the fifth round, whilst Jo Goreux, Belgium, won over Gilbert Clausener of France. Charles Milo, Belgium, won over Pierre Mougin, France, and Emile Delmine, Belgium, won over Gilbert Ussin. Italian entry, Carlo Mola, beat DeWulf on points, and Francois Hennebo, Belgium, beat Franco Molina, Spain. Joe Brown beat Richard Dennis and finally, Masson scored over Bombaerts. High prizes for the winner and runners-up have attracted good talent. Reypens is the current favorite.

Best prospects for the moment appear to be the following: Heavy—Neuhaus, Germany; Lightheavy—Victor D'Haes, Belgium; Middle—J. Royer-Crecy, France; Welter—Charles Humetz, France; Lightweight—Jorgen Johansen, Denmark; Feather—Massa Sanna, Italy; Bantam—Hadi Tijani, Tunisia; Flyweight—Jean Sneyers, Belgium.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By Prof. Wilfred Stephenson

ABOUT 9,000 fans paid to see Mario Diaz, an Argentine middleweight, in a ten-round bout against Pilar Bastidas, the popular Uruguayan star, at the Acho Arena. The previous week Bastidas outclassed the Dominican sensation, El Zurdo de Higuamo, in a ten-rounder. Diaz carried the fight to his opponent in every round, and it was only by a very lucky streak of cleverness and courage, and his ability to absorb punishment, that Bastidas was able to save himself from being knocked out, although he hit the canvas thrice.

Another fine ten-rounder on the same program was fought by Vicente Pastor and Angel Bernaola, Peruvian welterweights, who had several old scores to even up. This was their third meeting. The boys put up a lively show from the opening bell to the final stroke, with Bernaola outwitting Pastor to win the bout.

Ceferino Tapia of Peru fought a six-rounder with Tony Martinez of Cuba. This was Tony's second presentation here. Tapia went after his man from the tap of the bell, and threw him into the defensive, where he stayed all through the melee, losing five rounds and one even. This was a one-sided affair, but Martinez, who took a lot of punishment, kept going to the end.

In the first preliminary, Samuel Bustos scored a victory over Young Rodriguez, to whom he administered a good beating with some very effective punches to the body and head during the scheduled four rounds of the fight.

IN RIO DE JANEIRO
By Antonio Carrico

THE boxing results for the month of October at the F.M.P. Palace of Sports in Rio de Janeiro follow:

Jack Boderone, 144, Brazil, beat Montalvo, 146, Argentina, on points in ten good rounds.

Montalvo, 146, Argentina, beat by K.O. Pinga Fogo, 139, in 5th round.

Antonio Goncalves beat Santos Ferreira in six rounds. Nascimento Dias beat Armando Vasconcelos on points in eight rounds. Jorge Lopes and Cecilio Moreira drew in four rounds. Osmar Gonzaga beat by K.O. in 3rd round Juventino Moreira. Feliciano da Luz, Uruguay, beat Bazan, Argentina, on points in eight-round semi-final.

On another card, Jack Boderone, 144, Brazil, and Rosario Bazan, 146, Argentina, drew in the evening's main bout of ten rounds.

In a good semi-final, Manuel Nascimento Dias beat Sebastiao Nunes in eight rounds.

In the preliminaries, Joao Braz Maldone beat Severino Severo in four rounds. Liberalino Nunes and Moacir Conceicao drew in four. Paulo Neves beat Jose de Oliverira on points in six rounds.

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